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**"EUROPE ENTERING EPOCH INFESTED WITH REVOLUTION GERMS"**



E. D. ("Buster") Andrews, the famous Davis Cup player, is now on a short visit to the Colony. He will figure in exhibition matches in Canton next week, but it is not certain whether he will take part in official exhibition matches here.

**FRONTIER CLASHES**  
**ALLEGED USE OF POISON GAS**

Report Categorically Denied

**OPTIMISM IN MOSCOW**

Moscow, To-day.  
With the cessation of hostilities in the latest Outer Mongolian-Manchurian border incident, Moscow is more hopeful that the situation will improve. Wednesday's incident is described here as the most serious and prolonged crash which has hitherto occurred.  
The Tokyo report from Hsin-king alleging that the Outer Mongols used poison-gas bombs in the Manchukuo frontier clash on Tuesday is categorically denied here. A message from Uibator states that the report is without foundation and it is suggested here that it may be intended to justify the use of poison gas by the Japanese and Manchukuo forces in the next raid.—Reuter.

**RICKSHAWS IN SHANGHAI**

Owners Coming To Heel

**"LAST COME, LAST SERVED" FOR LICENCES**

Shanghai, To-day.  
Signs that the rickshaw owners are yielding became evident to-day as about 1,500 more public vehicles were believed to be for hire. Following the Municipal Council's warning that it intends to reduce the number of licences issued to owners on the principle of "last come, last served," March 6 is the zero day for the renewing of licences. Thereafter, it is understood that the Council is prepared to refuse to grant any licences to the present owners, as certain other parties have offered to take over the rickshaw business on the Council's terms.  
Groups of pullers yesterday evening raided a number of rickshaw "hongs" and forcibly removed the vehicles which were later rescued by the police. However, the threat of major

**EDEN STATEMENT TO-DAY**

**90-MINUTE CONFERENCE WITH RIBBENTROP**

**GERMAN OBJECTION TO GENERAL STAFF TALKS FALLS TO GROUND**

London, To-day.  
Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, will make a statement in the House of Commons to-day on the German reply to the Locarno Powers' memorandum.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.  
London: A 90-minutes' talk between Mr. Eden and Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Ambassador-at-Large, yesterday morning largely dealt with Britain's status in the proposed security pact, namely, whether as a guarantor, according to the German memorandum, or to participate in the mutual assistance pacts as planned in the White Paper.  
It is understood that Mr. Eden explained the British position in connection with the German objection to the General Staff talks with France. He showed that as the arrangements provided for in the talks will only operate in the event of a German attack on France or Belgium and as Germany has excluded such a contingency, the objection fell to the ground.  
Mr. Eden also told Herr von Ribbentrop that the British letter guaranteeing the security of France against unprovoked aggression in the event of conciliation failing was being delivered to the Ambassador, M. Corbin, yesterday afternoon.  
Paris: The German memorandum is considered to be almost entirely negative in authoritative French quarters, which contend that the German peace proposals would result in the ruin of the collective security system, mutual aid and the League of Nations itself.  
It is pointed out that the Locarno Powers agreed that before negotiations could be opened for the organisation of European peace the international law broken by Germany must be re-established, at least in part; but the Reich has mostly rejected the measures provided. The memorandum deals a serious blow to the League by suppressing the Hague tribunal in favour of a court of arbitration, of which no details are given.

**"I SERVE"**  
**The King's Work For The Nation**

**REPLY TO ADDRESSES OF CONGRATULATION**

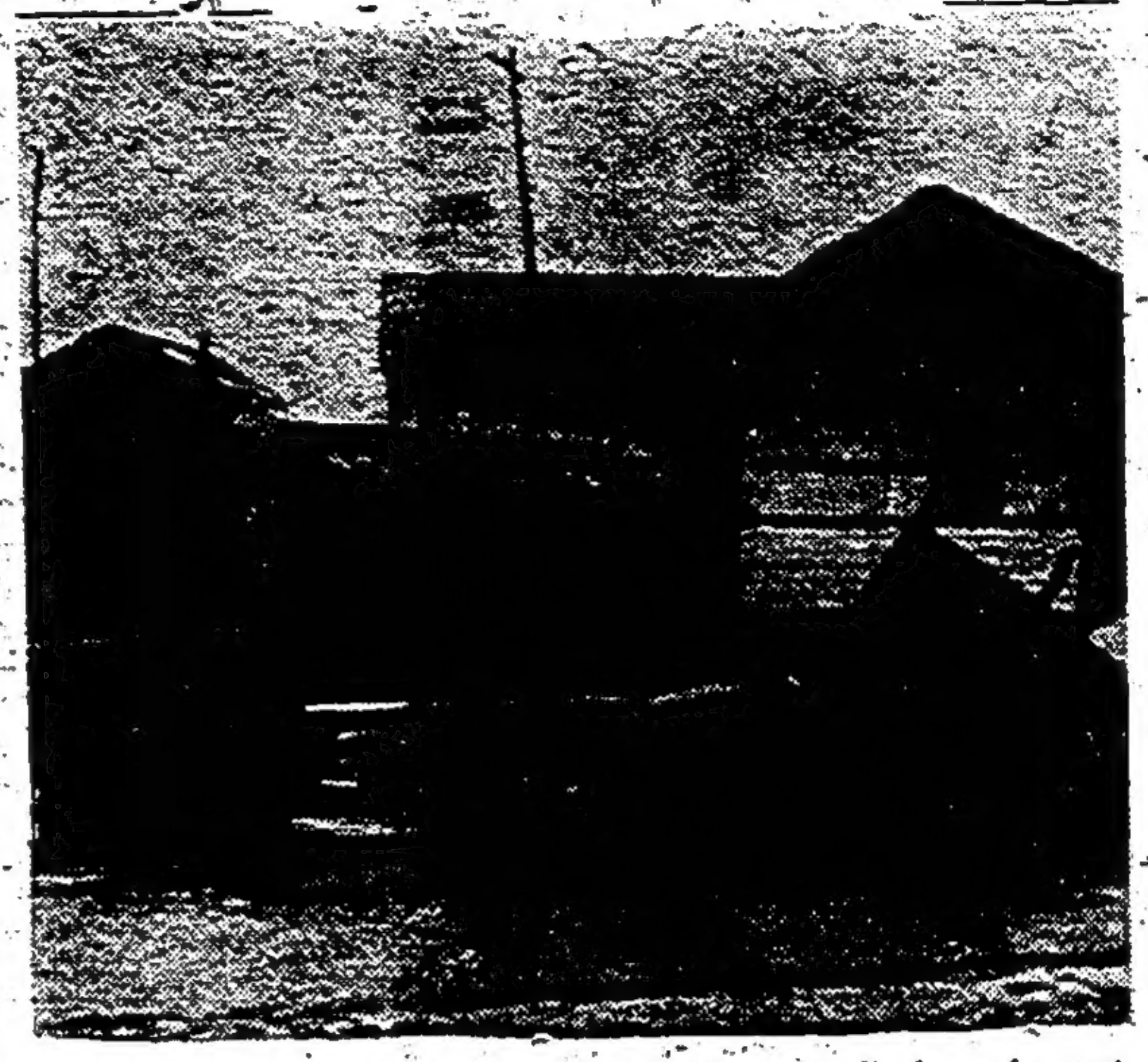
London, To-day.  
His Majesty the King yesterday received an address from privileged public bodies, in which condolences were expressed at the death of King George and congratulations on the accession of King Edward.  
Among the leaders of the deputations presenting addresses were the Lord Mayor of London, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Mr. Stanley Baldwin as Chancellor of Cambridge University, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. Neville Chamberlain.  
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**CORONATION OF THE KING**  
**To Take Place Early Next Year**

London, To-day.  
The Prime Minister announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the coronation of King Edward will be held in May 1937, the precise date of which will be fixed as soon as possible. He intimated that representatives of the Dominions, India and the Colonies would be invited.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

**MOURNING FOR LATE KING**  
**His Majesty's Wishes Announced**

London, To-day.  
In connection with the national mourning for the late King, it is authoritatively stated that King Edward and Queen Mary would approve, after Easter, of a return to the wearing of colours by the general public.—British Wireless Service.  
disorders, it is hoped, has been removed by the decision of the authorities to grant relief of 15 cents a day. A number of small owners are also paying relief.—Reuter.



Scenes such as the above are being witnessed all along the west coast of America following a severe tornado which has up to the present claimed 46 lives.

**TORNADO IN AMERICA**  
**40 KILLED AND 400 INJURED**

New York, To-day.  
At least 40 people have been killed and 400 injured in a tornado and torrential rains in Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina. Thirty-three people were killed at Cordel, Georgia, alone, which was the centre of the storm. An eye-witness states that the tornado splintered houses like dynamite, mangling the victims.  
The new baseball stadium at Cordel has been converted into a hospital and the Governor of Georgia has sent two companies of the National Guard and five army doctors to the scene.  
Three trains were derailed by landslides. One plunged into a broad river. The passengers escaped by a miracle. The damage is estimated at over \$1,000,000.—Reuter.  
ANOTHER VISITATION  
Greensboro, N. Carolina: Seven people were killed and scores injured and damage estimated at between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 was caused by a tornado southwest of Greensboro. The storm lasted only a few minutes.—Reuter.

**OXFORD'S BOLD BID**  
**Best Chance In Years In Boat Race**

**LIGHT BLUES FAVOURITES BY NARROW MARGIN**

London, To-day.  
To-morrow Oxford University will have a great chance of breaking Cambridge's sequence of twelve wins in the Boat Race. The Dark Blues have improved so rapidly since their arrival at Putney that Cambridge are now only narrow favourites, while sceptics admit that the race will not, as originally thought, be a walk-over for the Light Blues. The race starts at 11.45 GMT.  
The crews for the race are as follows:  
Oxford: D. M. de R. Winer (Winchester) 1st; J. D. Sturrock (Winchester) 2nd; B. J. Sciortino (Shrewsbury) 3rd; S. B. G. Wood (Australia) 4th; L. V. Garside (Bradfield) 5th; J. S. Lewis (Australia) 6th; M. G. C. Ashby (Gundel) 7th; M. A. Kirk (Shrewsbury) 8th.  
Cambridge: W. G. R. M. Laurie (Merton College) 1st; J. H. T. Wilson (Shrewsbury) 2nd; D. G. Kingsford (Uppingham) 3rd; W. Lannon (Westminster) 4th; D. W. Burnford (St. Paul's) 5th; G. M. Lewis (Malvern) 6th; H. W. Mason (Clifton) 7th; T. S. Cree (Australia) 8th; J. N. Duckworth (Lincoln) 9th.—Reuter.

**CONFESSION EXTRACTED BY TORTURE**  
**WENDEL'S AMAZING STORY**

New York, To-day.  
An astounding story of how his confession to the murder of the Lindbergh baby was extracted by torture is told by Wendel to a representative of the Brooklyn District Attorney.  
Wendel states that he was imprisoned for 10 days in a Brooklyn cellar before he signed the confession. He was tortured by fire, strung up by his thumbs to the ceiling, and threatened that he would be placed in a death-barrel of cement and lowered to the ocean bed. After 3 a.m. to-day in a mystery high four men had burned his eye-speed, aeroplane. "She hopes" to browns and body with cigarettes reach Cape Town in two days, fly he finally wrote the confession, in the West African route. Then, he declares, the gangsters drove him to a place outside the house of detective Ellis Parker, where they dropped him.—Reuter.  
CLAPTON BEAT MILLWALL  
London, To-day.—Clapton Orient, playing at home, beat Millwall by a solitary goal in their Third Division (South) League football match yesterday.—Reuter.

**"CAUGHT IN NEW WHIRLPOOL"**

**FRENCH PRESS COMMENT ON GERMAN OFFER**

**MEMORANDUM AFFRONT TO QUAI D'ORSAY**

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.  
The Foreign Minister, M. Flandin, and all the leading officials of the Quai d'Orsay devoted the entire morning and afternoon yesterday to a detailed study of the German proposals.  
At 5 p.m. M. Flandin received the British Ambassador, Sir George Clerk, while at 8 p.m. he had another conference with the Premier, M. Sarraut.  
It is now officially confirmed that a meeting of the French Ambassadors to the Locarno Powers has been arranged for this afternoon, while on Monday the Cabinet will meet in order to determine the French attitude.  
There has been talk of a separate French answer being made, but it is not clear whether this is meant to indicate a speech by M. Flandin or M. Sarraut. In any case it is pointed out that French diplomacy will do nothing to jeopardise the British negotiations with Germany.  
The impression prevails here that the French Government is satisfied with the official British attitude, the reproaches in the press being directed against British public opinion. This "satisfaction" is no doubt partly due to the news that a letter has been dispatched from London, assuring France and Belgium of England's assistance in case the negotiations should fail, with only a few minor modifications to the original text in the protocol of March 19.  
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**HONG KONG BANK NOTE FORGERIES**  
**Canton Gendarmerie Investigating**  
**MANUFACTORY FOUND AND TEN MEN ARRESTED**

(From Our Own Correspondent)  
Canton, To-day.  
While the gendarmes headquarters are investigating the manufacture of counterfeit banknotes purporting to be those of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, a representative of the British Consulate General in Shanghai and one of the Chinese staff of the Hong Kong Bank yesterday called on Major-General Lee Shin-chung, the Gendarmes' Commandant, with the object of seeing the 10 persons arrested in the forgery establishments and inspecting the forged notes.  
This request was duly granted. The Chinese member of the staff of the Bank came specially from Hong Kong in order to examine the forged notes.  
It is possible that the prisoners will be tried here, as the crime was committed in Canton and the "banknote" factory was unearthed in Western Suburb. Forgery of banknotes is considered a military offence, hence the Gendarmes who discovered the hide-out are in charge of the case.  
The forgers turned out "Hong Kong notes," as genuine paper money of the Colony is practically legal tender here.

**ETHIOPIAN VICTORY**  
**REPORT FROM DEBAR**

**Four Forts Seized And Many Prisoners Taken**

**THREEFOLD APPEAL TO LEAGUE**

Addis Ababa, To-day.  
A great Ethiopian victory is claimed by the general headquarters at Maichie, Debar. It is stated that the Abyssinians have captured four fortifications and 700 white Italians, including 25 officers, and that 2,000 streams have been killed.  
According to a Rome message, it is officially confirmed that General has been taken by the Italians.  
Signor Savich, Italian Under-Secretary of State, is seeing Senor Madariaga, Chairman of the Committee of Thirteen, to convey the Government's acceptance of the invitation to get in touch with the Committee, with a view to discussing the settlement of the Abyssinian conflict.  
Geneva: A threefold appeal to the League has been made by the Abyssinian Government—for financial assistance, the removal of the obstacles certain States members are still placing on the transport of arms to the Ethiopian troops, and the reinforcement and completion of sanctions.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

**2,700 KILLED**

Addis Ababa: A victory over the Italians after a two-days battle at Amba Alagi was announced by the Abyssinian Government yesterday, without there being any reference to the Italian claim of a defeat of the Negus's army.  
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**OFFICIAL TRIALS OF THE QUEEN MARY**

London, To-day.—The giant liner Queen Mary is to remain in the King George V. Graving Dock at Southampton until she sails for the North to undergo her official trials on April 14 or 15.—British Wireless Service.

**VICEROY DESIGNATE LEAVES FOR INDIA**

London, To-day.—The Viceroy-designate, Lord Linlithgow, left for India yesterday.—British Wireless Service.

**LONDON TO CAPE**

**Another Attempt On Record**

London, To-day.  
Mrs. Amy Mollison is expected to leave Gravesend aerodrome at 5 a.m. to-day in a mystery high four men had burned his eye-speed, aeroplane. "She hopes" to browns and body with cigarettes reach Cape Town in two days, fly he finally wrote the confession, in the West African route. Then, he declares, the gangsters drove him to a place outside the house of detective Ellis Parker, where they dropped him.—Reuter.



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## INWARD MAILS.

## FROM EUROPE

Apr. 3  
Pres. McKinley ..... 3  
Emp. of Russia ..... 3  
Pres. Hoover ..... 3  
Pres. Hayes ..... 10

## FROM SHANGHAI

Apr. 3  
Pres. McKinley ..... 3  
Menestheus ..... 7  
Hector ..... 9  
Emp. of Russia ..... 9  
Pres. Hoover ..... 9  
Andre Lebon ..... 10  
Pres. Hayes ..... 10

## FROM JAPAN

Apr. 3  
Hawaii Maru ..... 3  
Pres. McKinley ..... 3  
Genoa Maru ..... 5  
Naka Maru ..... 6  
Bokuyo Maru ..... 7  
Emp. of Russia ..... 8  
Pres. Hoover ..... 9  
Pres. Hayes ..... 10

## FROM MANILA

Apr. 4  
Nellie ..... 4  
Pres. Lincoln ..... 6  
Potsdam ..... 7  
Kitano Maru ..... 10

## FROM STRAITS &amp; INDIA

Apr. 3  
Penang Maru ..... 3  
Menelaus ..... 6  
Creme ..... 7  
Haruna Maru ..... 10  
Dakar Maru ..... 10

## FROM AUSTRALIA

Apr. 4  
Nellie ..... 4  
Kitano Maru ..... 10

## HOW TO WASH FLANNELS

## Reducing The Shrinkage

After detailed tests with regard to the washing of flannel it has been found that however carefully this is washed, it almost invariably shrinks to some extent; the selvedge shrinkage being in all cases rather greater than that in width. With a reliable make of "shrink" flannel, however, the actual shrinkage should be almost negligible—provided washing methods are satisfactory.

The shirts should be washed by kneading and squeezing in warm, soapy water, using a pure laundry soap or reliable make of soap flakes. If the former is used it should be shredded and dissolved in water to form a jelly before use. Rubbing should, as far as possible, be avoided for it is this which is mainly responsible for excessive shrinkage in flannel or other woollen materials.

## For Soft Collars

If however, you find that collars and cuffs are very badly soiled, these should be rubbed lightly between the palms of the hands. After washing, the shirts should be rinsed in water at about the same temperature as that used for washing, passed through a wringer, dried, and pressed when still damp.

For soft collars, soap can actually be rubbed on to the material, and this is, in most cases, necessary. Usually, hand rubbing is sufficient to cleanse such collars, but if they are very soiled, you may find you have to resort to the use of a small nail or other brush. This, however, should not be used more than necessary, as natural.

## FOR JAPAN

Apr. 3  
Emp. of Canada ..... 3  
Marchal Joffre ..... 4  
Pres. Lincoln ..... 7

## FOR MANILA

Apr. 3  
Nankin ..... 3  
Pres. McKinley ..... 3  
Nellie ..... 4  
Emp. of Russia ..... 9

## FOR AUSTRALIA

Apr. 3  
Nankin ..... 3

## FOR U.S.A.

Apr. 3  
Emp. of Canada ..... 3  
Pres. Lincoln ..... 7

## OUTWARD MAILS.

## FOR EUROPE

Apr. 4  
Ranchi (K.L.M. Service) ..... 4  
Closar: Reg. 9.45 a.m. Ord. 10.30 a.m.  
Marchal Joffre (via Siberia) ..... 7  
Hector (via Siberia) ..... 7  
Pres. Lincoln (via Siberia) ..... 7  
Closar: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.  
Gen. Sherman ..... 7  
Andre Lebon (via Marseilles) ..... 10  
Closar: Reg. 9.45 a.m. Ord. 10.30 a.m.

## FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Apr. 4  
Ranchi ..... 4  
Hector ..... 7  
Kumsang ..... 3

## FOR SHANGHAI

Apr. 4  
Marchal Joffre ..... 7  
Pres. Lincoln ..... 7  
Gen. Sherman ..... 7

## DAYTIME DRESS NOW FORMAL

## FULLER GROWS THE SLEEVE!

Fuller and fuller every day grows the sleeve, and already some of the newest styles almost rival those of historic periods. In costume, when sleeves were fantastic in their volume. It is the balloon form that is interesting the dress designers rather than the more graceful, though no less extravagant, ground-length sleeve. The latter has its place in evening attire, and both developments in sleeve styles mean big demands on fabric. The black taffeta sleeve with the bow above the elbow is a form of "bishop," a fashion that returns from time to time.

ally it tends to wear the fabric in the course of time. After washing, the collars should be rinsed, and if of white linen boiled, rinsed, blueed and passed through diluted boiling starch water. They should be rolled up when nearly dry, and after leaving for a short time, ironed.



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## Doom Of Casual Styles

Paris.—Whether the Chinese Exhibition in London or a theatrical production such as Bourget's "Margot" will influence the coming mode is difficult to say. It must always be remembered that picturesque and modern life do not get on very well together. Imagine a woman endeavouring to cross a busy thoroughfare dressed even in a modern version of a crinoline! On the other hand, we may see modernised versions of the ruffs beloved of the 16th and 17th century carried out in soft lingerie trimmings.

## Two Distinct Types

Next season more than ever before, I think the essentially elegant woman will adopt two very distinct types of dress—in formal and formal. Informal clothes will be set aside for sports, travel, country wear. Formal dress will be worn at all social activities, including luncheon, teas, cocktail and other functions. The well-dressed woman will need a very complete wardrobe starting right from the strict, sober, tailored suit, going on through to the simple, but chic afternoon dress, the cocktail or dinner ensemble and ending up with the formal evening gown and wrap.

To be suitably dressed for all occasions will become the formula of the smart woman. Informality in dress will not be tolerated after luncheon. On the other hand, there will be fewer freak styles, which will be simply compensated by the evidence of a great deal of study in the choice of fabrics, line and decorative effects.

## THE USEFUL TOOTHBRUSH

When a toothbrush is of no further use for toilet purposes, it should not be thrown away. When dipped in water it is useful for opening out and flattening the seam of a garment before pressing it with an iron. With the aid of a toothbrush, the dust can be quickly and easily removed from carved ivory and the corners of paintwork. It is also useful for getting in between the bars of gas-burners and grates.

## TREATMENT FOR SCARS

Scars are disagreeable marks, especially when they exist in a prominent place on the skin. Probably nothing can remove a big scar, the tissue of which has become fibrous and unyielding; but the following recipe (to be applied on lint, and allowed to remain on for a little time daily) will effect an improvement in small scars and blemishes:—Borax-1 1/2 oz., salicylic acid 12 grains, glycerine 3 drachms, rosewater 6 oz. Mix.

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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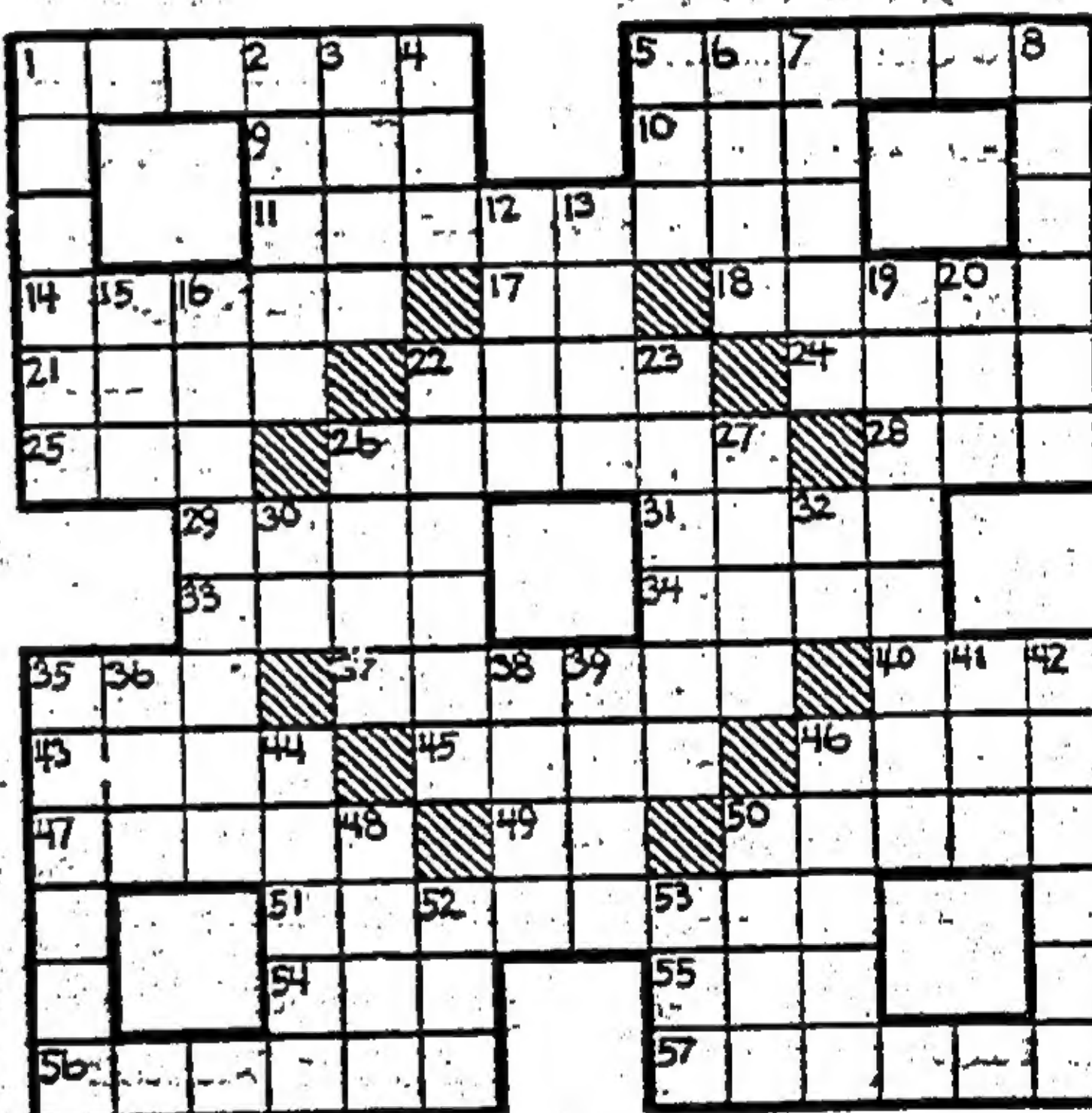
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



## HORIZONTAL

1-Seizes without authority  
5-Designate  
8-Consume  
10-A rodent  
11-Marked off into areas  
14-Power  
17-The (Fr.)  
18-Turkish official  
21-One  
22-Grate  
24-Rescue  
25-Guided  
28-To make pliable  
32-Crimson  
33-In  
34-The Orient  
35-Part of a suit  
36-Hurry  
37-Girl's name  
38-Idiosyncrasy  
40-An atom bearing an electric charge

## HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

43-Trouble  
45-Expire  
46-In this place  
47-Stumber  
48-Egyptian god  
50-Telegraphs  
51-Was sorry  
52-Feminine suffix  
53-Part of verb 'To be'  
56-Serves scantily  
57-Reclined

## VERTICAL

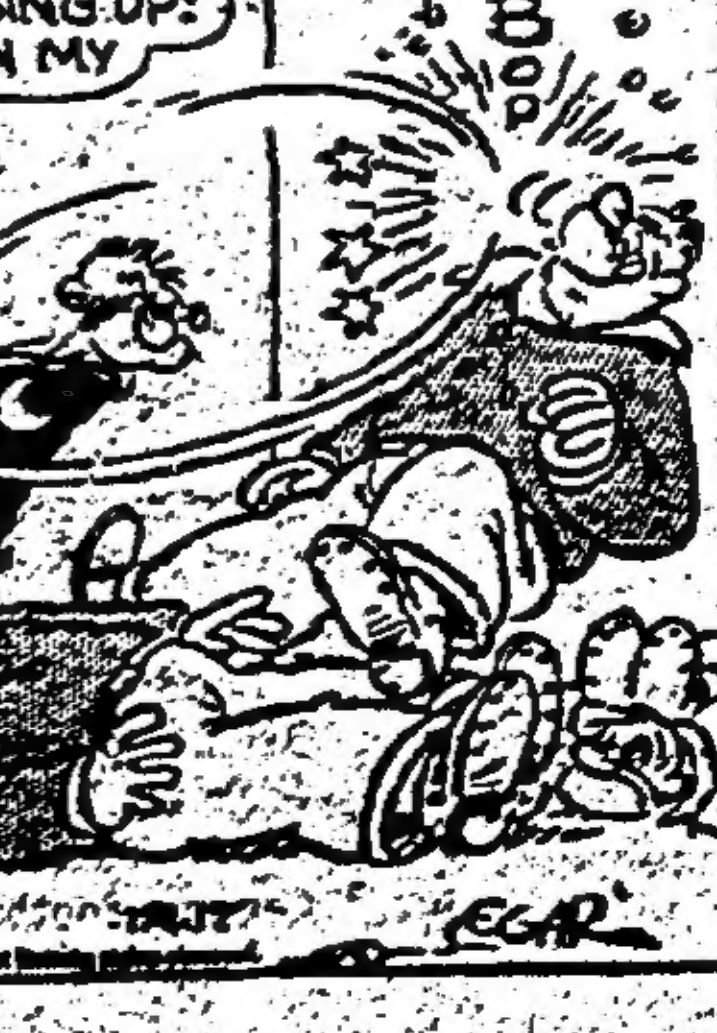
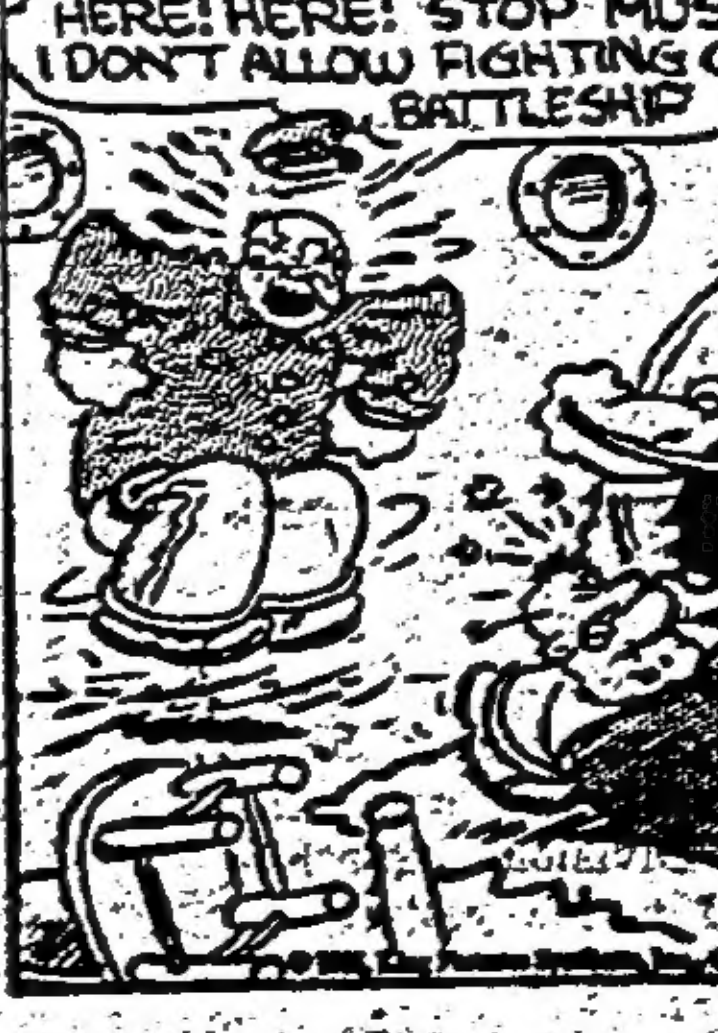
1-Beneficial  
2-To act in response  
3-Remove the skin  
4-Sainte (abbr.)  
5-A constellation  
6-Satisfy  
7-Sticky parts of a plant  
8-Approached  
12-Patron saint of Norway

## VERTICAL (Cont.)

13-For fear that  
15-Unit  
16-Deride  
19-More like earth  
20-Evening (Poet)  
22-Fixed deeply  
23-Looked into a place inquiringly  
26-Heavenly body  
27-Nautical (abbr.)  
30-A negative  
32-Steanship (abbr.)  
35-Maidens  
36-Crane  
38-Ignite  
41-Crude metal  
42-Placed in a nest  
44-Greenish fish  
46-Secrets  
48-Closely confined  
50-Existed  
52-The (Fr.)  
53-Sailor

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

## POPEYE.—"A Reaction Yacht."



## To-morrow—"Sherman Was Right."

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- 1 Hogshead Cap Corse.
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IN PRAGUE

Austrian Conscription Movement

## "CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Prague, To-day.  
The news of the Austrian Government's decision to introduce conscription and compulsory labour service aroused consternation here, and resulted in a Cabinet meeting being hastily summoned at mid-day.  
Political circles here believe that Czechoslovakia, together with allied and friendly powers, will lodge a protest against this unilateral denunciation of the Treaty of St. Germain.—Trans-Ocean Service.

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on WEDNESDAY, 8th April 1936 at noon for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1935.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 28th March to 8th April 1936, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 18th March, 1936.

## "LOVERS' LEAP"

Something Light By The A.D.C.

## SPARKLING COMEDY TO BE PRESENTED

By way of a complete contrast to their last production "Musical Chairs," the A.D.C. are offering Hong Kong theatre-goers a comedy which, for sheer humour, might almost be described as a farce. "Lovers' Leap," by Philip Johnson, is included in the volume "Famous Plays of 1934-1935," having been first produced in Liverpool in June 1934, and subsequently in London in October of that year, when it enjoyed a deservedly successful run. The cleverness of the play lies not so much in its theme as in the wit and sparkle of its dialogue, and in its excellent acting qualities, qualities of which our local amateurs promise to take full advantage.

The play will be presented at the China Fleet Club Theatre on the nights of April 15, 16, 17 and 18, at 9.15 p.m.

## Favourites in Cast

The cast includes Helen Prior, Myrtle Brown, Jane Weller, Donald MacAllister, and E. G. Smith-Wright, who is producing the play.

"Lovers' Leap" does not pretend to be a serious play—it presents no problem and it does not even set out to be entirely credible. It has, however, all the requisites of a first-class and thoroughly laughable comedy, and, in these days of uncertainty and pessimism, the A.D.C. are to be congratulated on the selection of something which will draw no tears from the audience, unless they be tears of mirth.

Booking is now open at the Anderson Music Co.

## UNREST IN MADRID

## Four Killed In Shooting Affray

## "CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Madrid, To-day.  
Further disorders, in the course of which six people are stated to have lost their lives, are reported from the provinces. In Valladolid, near Seville, a group of farm labourers attempted to disarm some policemen, and this led to a shooting affray in which four persons were killed and four others seriously injured.



Eddie Cantor is in "Strike me Pink," which is now being shown at the King's Theatre.

## BRIDGE NOTES

## Capitalising One's Mistakes

By Ely Culbertson

The most interesting hands are generally those where the defence makes an early slip which the declarer then proceeds to capitalise.

In the hand below the adversaries apparently had four sure trump tricks and a side Ace. South's four spade contract therefore appeared over-ambitious. Yet one fatal error allowed him to make it.

North, Dealer  
North and South vulnerable  
S. 8 7 2  
H. A K 4  
D. K 10 8 7 2  
C. K 5  
S. A Q 10 9  
H. J 9 8  
D. 6 5 3  
C. J 4 2  
N. S.  
W. E. H. Q 7 3 2  
S. D. A J 9 4  
C. Q 10 8 7 6  
S. K J 6 5 4 3  
H. K 10 6 5  
D. Q  
C. A 9 3

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).  
North East South West  
1D Pass 1S Pass  
1NT Pass 3S(1) Pass  
4S Pass Pass DBL(2)  
Pass Pass Pass  
1—This was an overbid. South was carried away by his six-card suit and the fear that North might pass.  
2—Even though the North-South bidding had appeared strong, West could hardly be expected to refrain from doubling with his trump strength massed behind the declarer.

West opened the eight of hearts, which was won in dummy with the King and a small diamond was returned. Here is where East made his fatal slip. West's opening lead could not have been from a four-card suit as he would then have had J 10 9 8 and led the Jack. This marked South with at least three hearts and possibly four, and six spades, and East feared declarer might be void in diamonds. Not going up with the Ace was bad enough, but it was his actual play of the nine that gave South his chance. Winning the trick with the singleton Queen of diamonds surprised declarer, but it also marked East with the Ace of diamonds and West, therefore, with the trumps banked behind him in order to justify his double.

Declarer re-entered dummy by leading to the King of clubs. Then the ten of diamonds lead was covered by East's Jack and South ruffed, cashed the Ace of clubs, trumped a low club in the dummy, and returned the King of diamonds. Marked with the Ace, East had to cover, and South again ruffed. Re-entering dummy with the Ace of hearts, the high diamond was played, upon which declarer discarded his losing heart. West ruffed with the nine of spades and returned his last heart, which South trumped. A spade lead put West in for the end-play, which South had planned from the beginning of the hand. And West's four sure trump tricks had turned into three—not enough to set the contract.

(Continued from Next Column.)

magazine help to swell the amount of entertaining reading which The Rock provides for a modest 30 cents.

## To-day's Complete Short Story

## The Faked Alibi

NOW, Mrs. Hardy, you go home and try not to worry about it," Dixon Hawke placed a kindly hand on the old lady's shoulder, and smiled encouragingly. "If Jim is such a good lad as you say, it's not very likely that he has been guilty of a brutal murder. Leave it to me, and I'll do my best to help you both."

Mrs. Hardy looked as if she were ready to break down completely. Hawke ushered her to the door, and gave her a warm and reassuring handshake as he bade her good-bye.

"I say, sir," exclaimed Tommy Burke when they were alone again. "It looks mighty black against young Hardy, don't it? Finger-prints on the weapon, and his cap in the room."

## TO-MORROW'S STORY

The Avenging Dummy  
Another Adventure of Dixon Hawke.

Dixon Hawke nodded grimly. "It does, young 'un," he said. "Looks like a fair cop," went on Tommy. "Hardy bears a cry for help, and finds the door locked. When he phones for the police, and they get in, they find a man with his head bashed in, Hardy's cap on the floor under the table, and his finger-prints on the weapon. Sounds a mighty thin tale, and I don't wonder they pinched him so quick."

"Certainly the circumstantial evidence is all against the lad," agreed Hawke, "but his finger-prints may have got on the stick in half a dozen different ways. That remains to be seen."

The detective pulled out his watch and glanced at it. "Ten o'clock," he announced. "The crime was committed at six or six-fifteen, and Hardy arrested an hour ago. His mother rushed right around here as soon as she knew the police had taken him. Quick work all the way. Well, lad, we'll slip along to Clare Street and see Forbes. Nothing like getting on the trail while the scent is still warm."

The famous pair left Dover Street and walked rapidly down to Clare Street Police Station, where they found Inspector Forbes still on duty. He was an old acquaintance of Dixon Hawke, and he greeted them in a friendly manner, but shook his head when the detective explained his mission. "You're on a dud thing, Hawke," he said. "The evidence is plain enough to convince the most bone-headed jury alive. That young ruffian did the job, and he'll swing for it."

Hawke nodded his head. "Looks black," he agreed, "but I'd like to see the body, and have a talk with the lad, if I could."

The inspector considered the request for a couple of minutes before he answered. "All right, Hawke. I don't know if I'm acting right in letting you do it, but I guess you've been a good friend to the police one way and another, so I'll take the risk."

"The murdered man is Ezra Walker, of Walker & Goldman, the diamond assessors, of Shaftesbury Avenue. He was knocked out with a loaded cane, but up to the moment we don't know if anything was stolen. His partner seems to be out of town. Come on, then."

## "THE ROCK"

## Fine Value For Money

## PLENTY OF READING MATTER

The April issue of *The Rock* is again chock-full of interesting and provocative matter. A number of articles dealing with religious and secular questions are printed, and Fr. T. Byrne, S.J., in a thoughtful study of "The Purpose of Pain," has probably raised another hare in his stricture of the theory of orthodoxy, on which at least two opinions are permissible.

"The first of a new series of articles, 'Letters of a self-made Catholic to his son,' appears in this issue, and gives promise of sober and intelligent discussion of religious and personal problems. All the usual features of the (Cont. at Foot of Preceding Col.)



## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.'s).

DANCE MUSIC FROM STUDIO BY "SEMPER" ORCHESTRA.  
"Book Reviews" By A. D.

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Recorded Programme.  
2.20 p.m.—The London Palladium Orchestra.

1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.05 p.m.—A Recital by Alfred Pichaver (Tenor).

1.20 p.m.—Military Band Music.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletin.

1.40 p.m.—Forecast, Time and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Variety Items.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

6-6.30 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.

7-11 p.m.—European Programme.

7.33 p.m.—"Quartet in C Major" (Mozart) played by the Lesser String Quartet.

7.33 p.m.—The Hill Billies.

The Hill Billy Band.

Me and the Old Folks at home.

Jump on the Wagon.

Little Mountain Cabin.

Pop-eyed Pete.

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report; Closing Local Stock Quotations.

8.05 p.m.—A Recital by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

1. A Dream of Paradise (Gray).

2. O Song Divine (Temple).

3. Too Late To-morrow.

4. Macushla (Rowe).

8.18 p.m.—Violin Solos by Albert Sammler.

1. Estudiantina — Waltz.

2. Delores — Waltz (Waldteufel).

3. The Child and his Dancing Doll (Haydn).

4. Spanish Serenade (Haydn).

8.30-9.20 p.m.—A Relay from Daventry.

8.30 p.m.—The R.E.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall.

9 p.m.—Daventry News Bulletin and Announcements.

9.20 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Talk on "The Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children" by Mr. G. P. de Martin.

9.25 p.m.—Light Opera Gems.

Chir Chir Chow (Norton).

## GERMAN VARIETY SHOW

## Trick Cycling And Acrobatics

## AT THE CENTRAL THEATRE

Patrons of the Central Theatre will be glad to learn that the management has secured the services of L. G. Halter and his famous German Variety Show, who have come to the Colony after a very successful tour of India, Singapore and Manila. The Company will make its debut here to-morrow, when a double attraction is being offered by the Theatre, the film being "Dangerous Waters."

Mr. Halter himself will be seen on the stage with his bicycle, on which he is capable of performing the most astounding tricks, and in this he will be assisted by a lady partner, while Little Mary, who has been described as one of the best and smallest acrobatic dancers to come to the Colony, is an added attraction.

The programme will be brought to a conclusion with an act entitled Ramona, or the Great Light Vision, when the audience will be given the rare treat of seeing the effects of carefully manipulated lights—that of changing a "human butterfly" into various other shapes and forms!

Song—  
Arady is ever Young ("The Arcadians") (Monckton).  
Winnie Melville (Soprano).  
The Maid of the Mountains (Fraser-Simson).  
8.45 p.m.—The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.  
Phantom Minuet (Hope).  
Souvenir (arr. Willoughby).  
La Chiquitine (Mace).  
Gavotte—"From 'Mignon'" (Thomas).  
Avalanche in G (Bettist).  
10 p.m.—Big Ben.  
10-11 p.m.—From the Studio.  
Dance Music by the "Semrah" Dance Orchestra of H.M.S. "Hermes" conducted by Bandmaster Jack Gale; by kind permission of Captain the Hon. George Fraser, D.S.O., R.N.  
11 p.m.—Close Down.

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# Sporting Page

## H.K. FOOTBALL CLUB TO CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN JUBILEE



Mr. Harris, above, the Lyemum soccer star and all-rounder, has left the Colony and has so caused a serious gap in the team.

### EAST LANCS. AGAIN ANNEX JUNIOR TITLE

But Good Programme To-morrow

#### CHINESE POLICE FALL AWAY BADLY

The end of the Third Division League soccer programme is now in sight and after to-morrow there remain but a few games to be played. To-morrow's results having no bearing on the championship, which has already been won by the East Lancs. for the second year in succession, with the Fusiliers occupying second place.

The East Lancs. will play their last game to-morrow when they encounter Liga. Portuguese and they should win. Liga will be best served by the Santos brothers in attack, while in the defence Quinn, C. Gomes and M. Gaan will probably be hard pressed to keep the East Lancs. forwards out.

The Fusiliers will encounter the Air Force and though the former should win, the Airmen are quite likely to cause an upset.

#### Fell Away Badly

The Chinese Police who started the season very promisingly and who were regarded as potential champions at one time, will encounter the youthful Rifles team and in view of the inconsistent form shown by the Chinese Police recently the Rifles should (Continued On Page 10)

### CHAMPIONS ARE TAKING NO CHANCES

MEET LYEMUN IN FIRST DIVISION

GUNNERS MUST NOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY

South China "A" are taking no more chances and in their encounter with Lyemum in the First Division to-morrow they will be fielding the regular team, with the exception of Lee Wai-tong, who is being rested, and whose place will be taken by Ip Pak-wah.

In spite of this, however, the Gunners should put up a good fight as they have greatly improved recently and are at present a team which cannot be taken lightly.

Durham, in goal, is no novice at the game, and, provided the Chinese forwards are not allowed to settle down, can be relied upon to keep his end up. In front of him, Lucas and Clancey are two hard workers, the former being particularly good.

#### A Sound Trio

The halves are a hard-working lot, Taylor and Sparkes giving Morton every assistance.

Coughlan, in the centre-forward berth, is a hard worker, but Knight and Barford will have to drop back and assist in the defence.

The Chinese defence will be unchanged, but Chan Kwai-hang on the left-wing, partnered by Ip Pak-wah, and Teoh Hian-gwan will be in the inside-right berth in support of Fung King-cheong, who will lead the line.

### SOUTH CHINA "B" TO MEET ROYAL NAVY TO-MORROW

BOTH TEAMS AT FULL STRENGTH

BEST GAME ON CARD

The best game in to-morrow's League soccer programme will be witnessed in the premier League when South China "B" entertain the Royal Navy, conquerors of the champions a week ago last Tuesday.

The Chinese will be represented by their full team, with Pau hanging between the sticks and Leung In-chan and Lee Hing-yuen in front.

The intermediate line will probably be Henry Young, Lim Tak-po and Yau Wah-hing, while the attack, which is as fast as the "A" team attack, will probably comprise Yeung Shui-yick, Lai Shiu-wing, Ho Kar-keung, Cheuk Shek-kam and Ng Po-kui.

#### Navy's One Change

Providing they are able to secure the same players, the Navy will probably field the same eleven which defeated South China "A" on the latter's ground, with one exception.

Hayman will probably be in goal, supported in front by Reglar and Wolverson, while Nicholson will lead the halves supported on the right and left by Tourmouck and Lobb. The sailors have never been better represented at forward than by their present line. Baxter is ideally suited to the right-wing position, where Tam Kong-pak and Lee Kwok-wai had much difficulty in bottling him up, while Doran and Rose, the inside right and inside-left, respectively, are extremely clever in their ball control and are both deadly shots. The left-wing berth will probably be filled by Wearmouth, who was an absentee in the last match.

#### New Tactics?

South China's tricky forwards, and especially Yeung Shui-yick and Lai Shiu-wing, will not find everything to their liking when up against Lobb and Wolverson, the Navy's left-half and left-back respectively, and their short passing tactics will not be so successful.

Cannell, the Navy's leader is a great opportunist and is very unselfish. He has the knack of drawing one of the five defenders before distributing the ball, thereby giving his other forwards a chance of breaking through.

### EAST LANCS. CHALLENGE ROYAL NAVY

Second Division Title At Stake

HAMID AND TAVARES RETURN TO RADIO

One of the best soccer games in the Second Division this season should be witnessed when the Royal Navy, the present leaders, encounter their nearest rivals, the East Lancs. at Sookunpoo to-morrow.

These teams have met before, both in the League and in the Junior Shield competition, and have come out with honours evenly distributed. The soldiers won their Shield game, while the Navy won their last League encounter.

A win for the Navy will all but give them the championship.

#### A Good Game

South China, who are seldom certain of their Junior team owing to numerous changes in the senior teams, meet Eastern, and, though the latter will be at full strength, they should fully extend them.

The Radio should give the Rifles a close fight as they will again have the services of Hamid and Tavares, who have been absent for some time. In the forward line (Continued On Page 10)



C. W. E. Bishop, above, the former Club and Colony Inter-club full-back, will be on view to-morrow for the "Old Crocks" against the Rest in a soccer match on the Club ground.

### WIN PREDICTED FOR FUSILIERS

Many Changes In St. Joseph's Team

FERNANDEZ RETURNS TO SIDE

There will possibly be one or two changes in the St. Joseph's team when they meet the Fusiliers in their Senior League encounter to-morrow. For one thing, Sinclair, who has done such fine work for them in the centre-half berth, will probably be an absentee due to the fact that he is still nursing an injured ankle, while their custodian, U. B. Souza, is another doubtful starter, having injured his finger a fortnight ago and is not making as rapid a recovery as was first expected.

Against this, however, the Saints will be strengthened by the return to the team of Fernandez, whose period of suspension expires to-day. Fernandez usually plays on the left-wing, and it will probably be in this position that he will be on view to-morrow. (Continued On Page 10)

### TWO GAMES FOR RECREIO

Several Reserves To Play To-morrow

As Recreio are playing on Sunday as well as to-morrow, they are fielding a number of Second Division players in to-morrow's game, but it would be well for them not to take things too easily in their First Division encounter with Stonecutters as the latter have shown great improvement recently and are quite capable of recording a win.

Adams, Smith and Moseley are useful forwards though they do not take the fullest advantage of any opportunity when near goal.

### BIG PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW

RUGBY AND SOCCER "CROCKS" ON VIEW

MR. G. H. POTTS PRESENTS CUP

AN outstanding event in the annals of the Colony will take place to-morrow when the Hong Kong Football Club celebrate their Golden Jubilee (1886-1936) with several exhibition games commencing at 3 p.m. and a dinner and cabaret at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden later in the evening.

To-morrow afternoon's programme is a most entertaining one, the outstanding feature of which will be the reappearance of both soccer and Rugby "Old Crocks," among whom are several Interporters of former days.

The programme will commence at 3 p.m. when the Rugby "Old Crocks" encounter the Rest in a game of 10 minutes each way, and this will be followed by the tit-bit of the afternoon, when the soccer "Old Crocks" meet the Rest, or present day players. The last item, and it may prove the most entertaining, is between the present day soccer players of the Club and their Rugby colleagues.

This game will be played with a Rugby ball and football goalposts will be used, while the duration will be 30 minutes each way.

#### President's Cup

Mr. G. H. Potts, the President of the Club this year, and one of the original members of the Club when it was founded in 1886, has presented a Cup for the winners of the Soccer v. Rugby match.

It is expected that a distinguished gathering will be present, and Mr. Potts will preside over all functions, including the dinner.

For the Dinner to be held in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel, at night, over 130 tickets have been sold. Members are reminded that the Dinner will commence promptly at 7.45 and that admission is by ticket only—these can be obtained from Mr. L. G. Robertson, Hong Kong Bank, up to to-day (Friday) only. (Continued On Page 8)

### ARMY SOCCER XI MEET THE VOLUNTEERS

The following have been selected to represent the Army against the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps in a charity football game to be played on the Sookunpoo ground on Friday, April 10, at 3.30 p.m.:

Fus. Rowlands (Fusiliers); L/Cpl. Swain (East Lancs.); Captain and L/Cpl. Steele (East Lancs.); L/Cpl. Smith (East Lancs.); L/Cpl. Campbell (Rifles); and Cpl. Ball (East Lancs.); Fus. Coakley (Fusiliers); Pte. Sandford (East Lancs.); Fus. Evans (Fusiliers); Fus. Talbot (Fusiliers); and Pte. Ridings (East Lancs.); Reserves: L/Cpl. Lawton (East Lancs.) and Bdn. Cox (East Lancs.).

#### WEDNESDAY

FIRST DIVISION  
East Lancs. v. S. CHINA "A"  
(Sookunpoo, 5.15 p.m.)  
THIRD DIVISION  
MEDICALS v. St. Joseph's  
(St. Joseph's, 5.00 p.m.)

## Spencer Heads League Marksmen

The following is a complete list of goal-scorers in the First, Second and Third Divisions of the local Soccer League with a qualifying figure of six goals:

FIRST DIVISION	
Elliot (Club)	22
Johnson (Police)	19
Lee Wai-tong (S. China "A")	17
G. White (Kowloon)	15
Higgins (Lincolns)	14
Leonard (St. Joseph's)	13
Powell (Club)	12
Sandford (East Lancs.)	12
Moss (Police)	12
Cannell (Navy)	10
Yeung Kam-po (Athletic)	10
Stevens (Police)	10
D. Knox (Kowloon)	10
Sullivan (Fusiliers)	10
Fung King-cheong (S. China "A")	10
Ip Pak-wa (S. China "A")	10
Evans (Fusiliers)	10
Ross (Navy)	10
Ng Po-kui (S. China "B")	10
Baldry (Lincolns)	10
Gomes (Recreio)	10
Chen Shu-kun (S. China "B")	10

Ridley (Lincolns)	10
Reece (Lyemum)	10
Forrow (Club)	10
G. Singh (St. Joseph's)	10
Tao Kwai-shing (S. China "A")	10
Harrison (Fusiliers)	10
Cheung Moon-wing (Athletic)	10

SECOND DIVISION	
Spencer (Navy)	25
Bumster (Fusiliers)	25
Howlett (Engineers)	21
Darby (Engineers)	21
Wilde (Navy)	21
Raddiff (East Lancs.)	21
Gould (Navy)	21
Duffield (R.A.O.C. & R.A.S.C.)	21
Ernst (Engineers)	21
Cheng Shui-hong (Eastern)	21
Chan Tak-fai (South China)	21
Clark (R.A.O.C. & R.A.S.C.)	21
Evans (Fusiliers)	21
Cresty (Fusiliers)	21
Horne (East Lancs.)	21
Cauley (Fusiliers)	21
Chan Ping-to (Eastern)	21
Riske (University)	21
A. M. Omar (Radio)	21
Walden (East Lancs.)	21
Antine (Navy)	21
Bowler (East Lancs.)	21

Turner (Lincolns)	10
Duncan (Club)	10
English (Lincolns)	10
Vaughan (R.A.O.C. & R.A.S.C.)	10
Griffen (East Lancs.)	10
McLeod (Navy)	10
Tam (University)	10
Yong (University)	10
O'Donnell (East Lancs.)	10

THIRD DIVISION	
Singleton (Fusiliers)	25
C. Santos (Liga)	21
Pym (Medicals)	21
Crooks (East Lancs.)	21
Bowler (East Lancs.)	21
Tatler (Fusiliers)	21
Willerton (European Police)	21
Joanmilho (St. Joseph's)	21
Smith (Air Force)	21
Tuley (East Lancs.)	21
Kung Hing (Chinese Police)	21
Parter (Engineers)	21
Yong (Medicals)	21
Risk (Lincolns)	21
H. Soume (Liga)	21
Murray (Air Force)	21
Chan Wing-kun (Chinese Police)	21
Gregory (Air Force)	21
Murphy (East Lancs.)	21
Boyle (Engineers)	21



Mr. G. H. Potts, above, is the President of the Hong Kong Football Club, which celebrates its Golden Jubilee to-morrow. He was one of the founder members.

### UGLY SCENES AT SENIOR LEAGUE SOCCER MATCH

Athletic Defeat St. Joseph's

CROWD SWARMS THE FIELD

Some very ugly scenes were witnessed at the premier division League soccer match between the Chinese Athletic and St. Joseph's yesterday at Caroline Hill, when the crowd swarmed over the barriers towards the conclusion of the encounter and attacked one of the Saints' players as a result of the latter assuming a threatening attitude towards an Athletic player after having been fouled.

The game was full of incidents such as this and had it not been for the excellent handling of the game by the referee serious injuries might have been inflicted on several players. The first half produced some very good soccer by both sides, but no sooner had Cheung Moon-wing been fairly and squarely charged off the ball, resulting in a heavy fall, than decidedly bad feeling crept into the game. (Continued on Page 10)

### EUROPEAN POLICE LOSE FAST GAME

Third Division Title For East Lancs.

GALLANT DISPLAY BY LOSERS

One of the most interesting games in the Third Division this season was played at Prince Edward Road yesterday, when the East Lancs. beat the European Police by three clear goals and so won the Divisional championship.

The Police gave a gallant display and enjoyed as much of the play as their opponents and did not serve to lose by such a margin, in fact, a draw would have been a fairer result.

Murphy, the East Lancs. right-winger, was their best player. He sent over numerous accurate centre and displayed good ball control throughout, was and above all unselfish.

#### Griffen Selfish

Power, the pivot, was another prominent player. He opened the game by fine ground passes to his wingers and was good in his tackling. Griffen, on the left wing, also shone, though he was inclined to be selfish at times.

Crossley, at inside-right, took advantage of most passes which came his way, and registered a "hat-trick" keeping Manning, in the Police goal, very busy. (Continued on Page 10)

### ATHLETIC OFFER SERIOUS CHALLENGE

Should Beat East Lancs. To-morrow

IN RACE FOR RUNNERS-UP POSITION

Following their win against St. Joseph's yesterday in the First Division, the Athletic should experience no difficulty to-morrow when they encounter the East Lancs. at Causeway Bay and should record their third consecutive win within a fortnight.

The Athletic have been steadily improving and, in spite of the loss of several vital players, they have maintained the form which gave South China "A" such a shock last season on the Club ground, when they all but defeated the champions in one of the finest games ever witnessed in the Colony.

Maik Shui-hon, who is a serious aspirant for the Berlin Games, is without a doubt their finest defender, while Lai Kwok-chiu, their right-half, is also an outstanding player.

#### Curious Position

The Athletic are in curious position inasmuch as at the beginning of the season they fared badly, and were not even considered as one of the challenging teams, but to-day they stand an even better chance than either the Police or South China "B" of completing their fixtures in the runners-up berth.

They have won nine and drawn seven out of 18 games, while two have been lost, but they have a game in hand and should they win to-morrow they will be a point ahead of both the other teams.

### POLICE CLASH WITH KOWLOON TO-MORROW

MOSS MAY NOT BE PLAYING

RACE FOR RUNNERS-UP POSITION

The Police, who are strong contenders for the runners-up position in the First Division, must win to-morrow's clash against Kowloon, who, despite the fact that they are lying near the bottom of the League table, are a formidable combination on their own ground.

Moss will probably seen on the left-wing again, although the selectors may see fit to replace him temporarily in view of his recent injury.

Kowloon are capable of great things, but last week suffered a relapse when they unexpectedly lost to the Rifles by the only goal of the match.

Their present weakness seems to lie with the full-backs and the forwards, but in their intermediate line, led by Bliss, and supported on the flanks by Roberts and Boyd, they have their best defensive as well as attacking unit. D. Knox, since his transfer to the centre-forward berth, is one of the most dangerous leaders in the premier division and with a little more experience should secure recognition in Interport trials.

The Police failed badly against South China because they lacked enterprising forwards. Tommy Pile and Moss are two very dangerous wingers, but there is something very much amiss with the "inside" forwards. A defeat to-morrow will ruin their chances of concluding the season in the runners-up berth—they are on level terms at the moment with South China's "B," who are playing at home against the Navy and who should secure both points.





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## Entries For The Third Extra Race Meeting

The following are the entries for the Third Extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, to be held at the Valley on April 11 and 12:

### FIRST DAY

1.—Canton Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, "B" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile. Bally, Blue Ribbon, Cassius, Fiddle, Hawthorn, Judea, Ocean View, Night View, Old Star, Philanderer, Plain View, Popular Star, Seventeenth of September, Sylvandale, The Gorilla, The Rain Gauge, Unicorn, Valley View, West Parade, Wild Cat, Ythan.

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### INTER-UNIT BOXING

#### Novices Bouts

#### To-night

#### FIFTEEN FIGHTS ON CARD

The closing stages of the Inter-Unit Boxing Championships will be commenced to-night when the semi-finals of the Novices' competition, between the East Lanes, and the Fusiliers, take place at Shamshui Camp. The winners will meet the Rifles, who drew a bye, in the Final.

There will be 15 fights on to-night's programme, each one of which is scheduled to go three two-minute rounds. The first bout is timed to start at 8 p.m.

#### To-morrow Night

At Murray Barracks to-morrow night the Fusiliers will meet the Rifles in the semi-finals of the Inter-Unit competition, and as there are only three Units competing and as the East Lanes drew a bye here, the winners of to-morrow night's bouts will meet the East Lanes in the Final next week.

#### FUSILIERS' EAST LANES

Bantamweight  
Fus. Taylor v Pte. Walsh  
Featherweight  
1st. String v Pte. Hallows  
2nd. String v Pte. Gaunt  
Fus. Raven v Pte. Gaunt  
Lightweight  
1st. String v Pte. Bitchfield  
2nd. String v Pte. Caffery  
Fus. Egan v Pte. Caffery  
3rd. String v Pte. Williams  
Fus. Wright v Pte. Williams  
Welterweight  
1st. String v Pte. Hardy  
2nd. String v Pte. Herbert  
Fus. Harrison v Pte. Herbert  
3rd. String v Pte. Burris  
Fus. Smith v Pte. Burris  
4th. String v Pte. Smith  
Fus. Keating v Pte. Smith  
Middleweight  
1st. String v Pte. Thomas  
2nd. String v Pte. Oldham  
Fus. Turner v Pte. Oldham  
3rd. String v Pte. Taylor  
Fus. Edward v Pte. Taylor  
Light-Heavyweight  
Fus. Burridge v Pte. Thistwaite  
Heavyweight  
Fus. Frimston v Pte. Harmsworth

#### K.I.T.C. LOSE TO SAPPERS

IN MANAK CLASH

At Caroline Hill yesterday the Royal Engineers beat the Kowloon Indians' Tennis Club by the odd goal in three in the First Division of the Manak hockey tournament. Horner and Collins scored for the winners and Pinto for the K.I.T.C.

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### BRITAIN HAS BEST CHANCE

#### IN DAVIS CUP

#### "Buster" Andrews Interviewed

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The most travelled international tennis star, and the most travelled trade ambassador of the British Empire is visiting Hong Kong at the present time. He is none other than E. D. ("Buster") Andrews, the famous Davis Cup tennis player, who might possibly also lay some claim to being the busiest man in the world.

His career is something of a refutation of the old saying that you can't combine business and sport, for he trips all over the world on business and wherever he goes there is a demand for his appearance as a tennis player.

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When one learns the extent of his business interests it becomes (Continued on Page 3.)

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF V.R.C.

#### Successful Year Reviewed

The annual meeting of members of the Victoria Recreation Club will be held at the Club's premises on Wednesday, April 15, at 6 p.m. and, according to the report circulated to members, the season under review had been an extremely successful one, with the Interport swimming contest against Shanghai the outstanding feature.

During the year 49 members left the Club, but 19 new ones joined, thus making the total membership 217.

# MUCH SUPERIOR COMBINATION

## PEARCE FORCED TO PLAY LONE HAND

### FINCHER'S FOURTH FINAL?

(By "BASE-LINE")

**TEDDY FINCHER** and **Willie Hung**, strong contenders for the Colony Lawn Tennis Doubles Championship, did all that was expected of them yesterday when they eliminated Lollie Goldman and Alec Pearce by scores of 6-0, 6-4 in their quarter-final encounter.

The result was never in doubt after the first four games, when it was quite clear that Pearce was unable to hold his own against opponents who entirely neglected Goldman in the opening set. He blundered overhead too frequently, while his weak second service instantly placed the opposition in an attacking position. Pearce played pluckily at the net, but his volleying lacked crispness and merely served to return the ball instead of being an attacking stroke.

Goldman was very accurate on the forehand and in his volleying, but his backhand was surprisingly unreliable.

### ST. ANDREW'S 'B' WIN AT BADMINTON

#### Narrow Victory Over S. And S. Home

St. Andrew's "B" defeated the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home in a Men's Doubles Badminton match last night by 5 game to 4.

H. Harris and W. Brown (S. and S. Home) lost to P. Dawson and L. E. Kirby 15-21.

beat J. A. Hamilton and F. V. Wong 21-14.

beat P. White and N. A. E. Mackay 21-13.

C. Burgoyne and W. J. Merritt (S. and S. Home) lost to Kirby and Dawson 11-21.

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#### LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

P W L F A Pts

Eliot Hall "A" 20 19 1 128 16 38

Recreio "A" 19 18 1 120 24 36

St. Andrew's "A" 20 15 5 107 72 30

C. R. C. 19 14 5 111 45 28

Eliot Hall "B" 17 12 5 83 43 22

Recreio "B" 15 10 5 73 44 20

St. John's 19 9 10 81 50 18

Fire Brigade 20 8 12 67 101 16

V. R. C. 18 4 14 49 95 8

St. Andrew's "B" 20 3 17 39 106 6

Kowloon Tong 21 3 19 49 104 6

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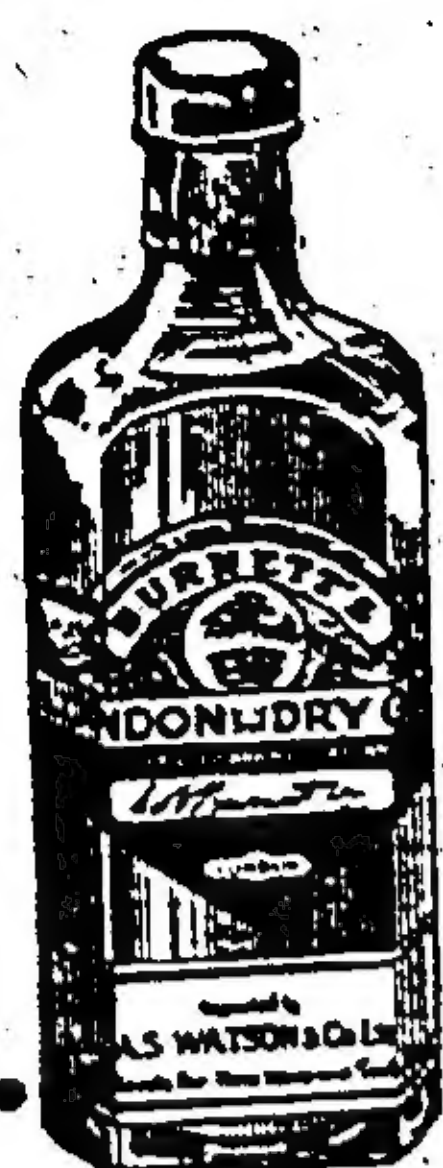
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## Germany's Position

The eagerly-awaited peace  
proposals of the German Gov-  
ernment are now in the hands  
of the British Government and  
have been by them transmitted  
to the Governments of France  
and Belgium.

Admirable as they are theo-  
retically, one important omission  
is to be noted; Germany gives  
no undertaking as to the forti-  
fication of the Rhineland. Nor  
does the "justification" offered  
by Herr Hitler excuse the deli-  
berate flouting of the Locarno  
Treaty.

Herr Hitler complains of  
many acts of France which, he  
claims, were contrary to the  
spirit of the Treaty; but may  
it not be claimed with equal  
justice that Germany too has  
all along been acting contrary  
to the spirit of the Treaty?

That she has for years past been  
secretly re-arming and perfect-  
ing her war-machine and  
educating the whole nation for  
war has long been known; and  
recently Herr Hitler was able to  
boast openly to the world that  
Germany was now strong  
enough to oppose any force that  
might be brought against her.

What France has done in the  
way of fortification of her  
frontier has been done through  
fear—fear of a war of revenge  
which would come when Ger-  
many believed herself strong  
enough to undertake it.

Germany claims that the  
Franco-Soviet Pact was her  
justification for the military re-  
occupation of the Rhineland,  
which she euphemistically  
terms a denunciation of the  
Treaty of Locarno. But when  
Herr Hitler presented a startled  
Europe with this fait accompli  
the Franco-Soviet Pact had not  
even been approved by the  
Senate, much less signed; and  
the "denunciation" of the  
Locarno Treaty was made  
coincident with the entry of  
German troops into the demili-  
tarised zone. Had Herr Hitler  
pointed out to the Locarno  
Powers that Germany would  
regard the conclusion of a mili-  
tary pact between France and  
Russia as a breach of the  
Treaty and in that event would  
hold herself at liberty to re-  
occupy the Rhineland, or had  
she given reasonable notice of  
her intention to denounce the  
Treaty, the case would have  
been a very different aspect.

For several years now, the  
bitter feelings engendered by  
the war having been softened  
by the lapse of time, there has  
been, especially in Britain, con-  
siderable sympathy felt for  
Germany, it being realised that  
some, at least, of the condi-  
tions imposed upon her were  
somewhat excessively harsh;  
and there is little doubt that an  
appeal for a revision of the  
Treaty would not have fallen on  
deaf ears. The world has at  
least realised that over-harsh  
conditions imposed upon a  
beaten foe generally recoil upon  
the victors.

Britain too has been impelled  
to recognise the enormous ser-  
vices which Herr Hitler has  
rendered his country, despite  
the fact that the spirit of her  
people is opposed to any form  
of dictatorship; but this high-  
handed action of his has cost  
him much of the sympathy and  
admiration he had previously  
earned.

Truly he has set Europe the  
most difficult problem it has  
had to face since the war which  
he himself describes as the  
"most frightful and senseless  
war the world has ever known."  
Does he really desire peace, or  
must it be "Deutschland ueber  
Alles" even at the risk of

MAUNDY MONEY  
IN ENGLANDAncient Ceremony  
DescribedOLD PEOPLE HELPED BY  
THE KING

London.

The picturesque and ancient  
celebrations associated with  
Maundy Thursday will be fit-  
tingly observed by the B.B.C.  
in Transmission 4 next Thurs-  
day at 8.40 p.m. G.M.T. in a  
programme entitled "The Pas-  
sion of Jesus Christ." This  
dramatic devotional piece has  
been specially devised by K.  
Ellis Roberts, and will be pro-  
duced by Robin Whitworth. In  
its application it will be similar  
to the special Christmas Day  
drama and other religious festi-  
val programmes.

To many people the most in-  
teresting ceremony of the day  
before Good Friday is the dis-  
tribution of the Royal Maundy,  
which takes place annually on  
Maundy Thursday in Westmin-  
ster Abbey. It is made by the  
Lord High Almoner to the King,  
the present holder of this office  
being his Grace the Lord Arch-  
bishop of Canterbury.

In 1932, after a lapse of  
nearly 250 years, His Majesty  
King George V personally hand-  
ed his gifts to the old recipients,  
their number being gauged by  
the age of the reigning  
sovereign. Last year there  
were 70 men and 70 women, and  
each of these specially-selected  
applicants received 70 pence in  
Maundy Money.

This year, King Edward VIII  
being in his forty-second year,  
there will be this number of  
both sexes, and each will receive  
3/6, or 42 pence, in Maundy  
Money.

It is sometimes thought that  
Maundy Money is the only gift  
made to these old people, but  
allowance in lieu of food and  
clothing, together with £1  
Redemption money, is also  
handed to each. In this way,  
each man receives £4.15.0, and  
each woman £4.5.0. in ordinary  
currency.

Those who must be tem-  
porarily taken off the list, owing  
to the death of the sovereign,  
do not, however, suffer financial  
loss. A grant of a similar  
amount is made to those re-  
moved each year until such time  
as it is possible through  
vacancies to grant them once  
again the Royal Maundy gifts.

LOCAL TRAFFIC  
ACCIDENTSThree Fatalities  
Reported

Altogether 50 accidents, involv-  
ing three fatalities and injuries to  
13 people, occurred in the Colony  
in the week ended March 28. One  
person was killed while running  
across the road, one when appear-  
ing from behind a vehicle and one  
in a collision between two vehicles.

Five people were injured when  
running across the road, four  
when walking on the roadway, one  
in a collision between vehicles and  
three when jumping on or off, or  
falling off, a vehicle when in  
motion.

There were three collisions be-  
tween vehicles involving damage  
to property, while three accidents  
were caused by people stepping  
off the footpath.

EXPLANATION OF  
TO-DAYS  
CARTOON

The Oil Of Unction.

THE Vase is believed to con-  
tain the actual oil with  
which Mary Magdalene anointed  
the body of the Lord. It was  
brought to the Kremlin from  
Byzantium in the 12th century, and  
has been guarded day and night  
by a priest for the last 800 years.  
A drop from this oil was  
always added to the oil used  
throughout Russia for every re-  
ligious purpose, so that every hap-  
piness, consecration and coronation  
always contained a minute portion  
of the oil of unction. The drop  
was then returned to keep the  
Vase full.

another more "frightful" and  
senseless war than the last?  
Or has he adopted, with his  
dictatorship, Caesar's motto:  
"Si vis pacem, para bellum?"

Here  
There  
and  
Everywhere.

LENNIN TO TYPW WRITE

Classic phrases for the type-  
writer range from the heroic to  
the surrealist.

In that used by the ex-King of  
Siam at the British Industries  
Fair—"The quick brown fox  
jumps over the lazy dog"—a moral  
tone may perhaps be detected. Its  
chief merit for the typewriting  
student, however, is that it em-  
ploys every letter of the alphabet.

"Now is the time for all good  
men to come to the aid of the  
party" is in distinct contrast with  
the scarcely less well-known  
"Pack six dozen liquor jugs."

For the modernist in literature  
a satisfactory phrase is perhaps  
the following: "Frowzy quacks  
jump, vex, and blight."

"Vex," "six" and "jump" appear  
to be very useful to loosen the fin-  
gers.

For discouraged students there  
is the cheering maxim, "Quiet zeal  
and pluck won many a stubborn,  
vexed fight."

## LORD DERBY'S BET

The Earl of Derby, at a dinner  
in London last month of the  
British Colour Council, told the fol-  
lowing story:

"There was a time when green  
was the great fashion. I betted a  
friend that in a short motor drive  
we should pass at least 100 women  
wearing green. We did this,  
and I won my bet. Incidentally,  
I may mention that I had been  
over the course the day before."

## Your Daily Smile!

"Shall we have a friendly game of  
cards?"  
"No, let's play bridge."

## ARLISS ROLES

A Shakespearean scholar and  
former Oxford don is said to resem-  
ble Mr. George Arliss. Has it been  
noticed that he also resembles the  
Iron Duke, Disraeli and Cardinal  
Richelieu?

## MERCIFUL INDEED

A lecturer says that the most won-  
derful thing in the world is the dif-  
ference in people's faces. After look-  
ing at one or two we should say it  
was the most merciful.

## THE MENU

Wherever I may happen to be, I  
always make a point of having a  
boiled shirt for dinner. — Letter in  
a weekly paper.  
Oh, well, tastes differ.

BRITAIN'S DEFENCE  
PROPOSALSNEED FOR STRONGER  
EXPERT STAFFVAST AND ABSORBING DUTIES OF  
NEW DEFENCE MINISTER

(By Major-General A. C. Temperley)

THE important announce-  
ments made by the Prime  
Minister in the House of Com-  
mons and the debate in the  
House of Lords last month show  
that the Government have gone  
a long way towards meeting the  
general demand for greater  
co-ordination in defence.

The decision to appoint a  
whole-time Minister to act as  
Deputy Chairman of the Com-  
mittee of Imperial Defence and  
the general sketch of his duties  
is admirable. He will relieve  
the Prime Minister of an almost  
impossible burden, and will be  
able to devote the whole of his  
energies to the great problems  
awaiting him.

In one respect only does there  
seem to be a risk of asking too  
much from him, and that is his  
assumption of the chairman-  
ship of the Principal Supply  
Officers' Committee.

Task Almost Superhuman  
The duties of such an  
appointment must be vast and  
absorbing; no less, indeed, than  
the preparation of the whole  
of industry for war. It carries  
with it the problems of indus-  
trial expansion, the supply of  
raw material, the distribution  
of labour and all the other  
duties attendant upon what is  
in fact a skeleton Ministry of  
Munitions.

One sees the advantage of  
combining in one man the co-  
ordination both of planning and  
supply, for obviously the two  
are interdependent. The plans  
depend on the means, and the  
means to be provided are con-  
trolled by the nature of the  
plans.

Yet it seems an almost super-  
human task for one man to  
shoulder. It could hardly stand  
the test of war.

This aspect has no doubt  
been considered by the Govern-  
ment. It is on the planning  
side of the new Minister's duties  
that one feels a certain amount  
of apprehension.

Vague Term  
So far we have been inform-  
ed that the only reinforcement  
intended, apart from the Minis-

ter, is that one officer from  
each Service will be added to  
the Joint Planning Committee  
and that the secretariat of the  
Committee of Imperial Defence  
will be "strengthened." The  
word is vague and the full suc-  
cess of the scheme seems large-  
ly to hang upon how it is be-  
ing interpreted.

Lord Trenchard said in the  
debate last month that the ker-  
nel of the whole question was  
the Chiefs of Staff Committee.  
He hinted what he has said  
more explicitly elsewhere, that  
there are many subjects, that  
they did not discuss, because  
they were unable to agree.

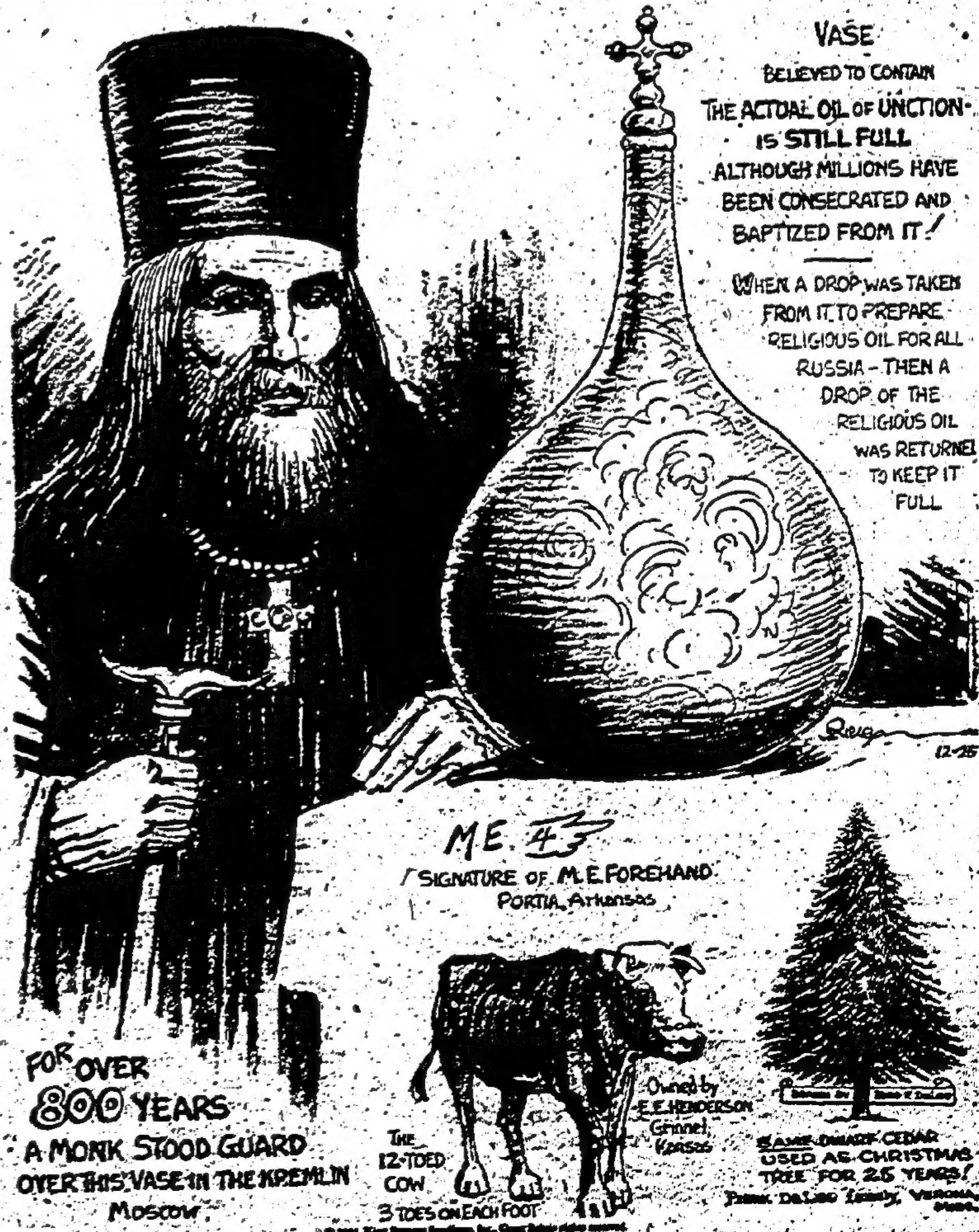
It is not easy to refer to this  
committee, which is the key to  
the situation, without convey-  
ing the idea of criticism of its  
members. Such is far from be-  
ing intended. They are su-  
perbly competent officers, who  
are responsible for the plans  
for their own Services. It is  
argued with great force that  
the man who makes the plan must  
be responsible for carrying it  
out. The trouble arises from  
the unfortunate "double func-  
tion," as the Prime Minister de-  
scribed it, which each Chief of  
Staff has to perform.

Dual Allegiance  
He is the chief responsible ad-  
viser to his own Secretary of  
State, but he also, as a member  
of the Committee, has to advise  
the Prime Minister on joint or  
co-ordinated plans. It is the  
dual allegiance, which either  
makes the role intolerable or  
causes the shelving of problems  
upon which agreement is impos-  
sible.

The question of the air has  
intruded itself into all kinds of  
naval and military problems,  
and this is the real cause of the  
difficulty. Air enthusiasts (not  
necessarily the Air Ministry)  
are making extravagant claims  
as to their ability to take over  
a large number of functions  
previously performed by the  
older Services. Lord Trenchard  
mentioned one — the control of  
marine communications in the  
narrow seas.

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## "BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley







LAST TWO DAYS

ROLLICKING COLLEGE MUSICAL  
"COLLEGIATE"with  
JACK JOE FRANCES NED  
OAKIE PENNER LANGFORD SPARKS

FROM SUNDAY

Without doubt the gayest comedy  
of this or any season!"HANDS ACROSS THE TABLE"  
with CAROLE LOMBARD—FRED MACMURRAY

## Short Shots

IN "Captain January" the next release in which the "Miracle Child" Shirley Temple appears, she will dance with Buddy Ebsen (remembered in "Broadway Melody of 1936") and sing—not only in English, but in Chinese, French, Hawaiian and Russian. Guy Kibbee enacts the role of the old lighthouse keeper who saves the child from the wreck. Slim Summerville and June Lang are others in support.

Lennox Pawle, noted British stage actor and recently seen in many releases in Hollywood, died recently at the age of 62.

Laura La Plante, wife of Irving Asher, the head of Warners in London, has a daughter. She was the first wife of Director William Seiter, now the husband of Marian Nixon.

Max Baer, noted prizefighter who appeared with considerable success in the M.G.M. release "The Prizefighter and the Lady," intends returning to films and will make another bid for popularity as a cowboy in "Out West" pictures.

Max Reinhardt, the famous German producer who supervised the Warner version of "Midsummer Night's Dream," is now back in Hollywood to produce "Tales of Hoffman."

Herbert Marshall and Gertrude Michael will be co-starring in a Paramount film "Something to Live For." Rumour in Hollywood circles states that the ardent friendship between Marshall and Gloria Swanson seems to be cooling. Miss Swanson signed to Irving Thalberg (M.G.M.) many months ago, but is still waiting for a chance in a picture.

Marie Prevost—well-known in the "silents"—was given a good chance in the Fred MacMurray film "Hands Across the Table," and is now in his



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JAMES WHALE'S Triumph of Triumphs

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# EDDIE CANTOR EXCELS IN "STRIKE ME PINK"

## CAROLE LOMBARD MOST DELIGHTFUL IN SPARKLING COMEDY

### "RENDEZVOUS" IS EXCITING SPY DRAMA, WITH WILLIAM POWELL AND ROSALIND RUSSELL

EDDIE Cantor is not in the same field with Chaplin and the Marx Bros. but he knows the value of an expensive production, catchy songs, intricate dance ensembles, a worthwhile supporting cast and—what is most important to his picture's success—a bunch of beautiful girls. "Strike Me Pink" varies little from his usual enjoyable entertainment. The clever little comedian rolls his big eyes expressively, sings with an Al Jolson voice and contrives to put over his numbers surrounded by a galaxy of beauty.

We saw his new leading lady—Ethel Merman—in his previous picture "Kid Millions," and this noted "blues" singer from the most famous night clubs on Broadway once more proves her worth in songs of the highly popular variety. In addition to Miss Merman, there are some splendid vaudeville turns, a full quota of really funny gags, a top-notch cast with such well-known people as Sally Eilers, Brian Donlevy, Jack La Rue, William Frawley, Rio Rita and "Parkyakarkus."

The story tells how a very timid little man (Eddie Cantor) becomes a man of action, after studying a pamphlet which asks him point blank whether he is a man or a mouse. Around this theme the amusing sequences are built—including one of the funniest chases seen on the screen in a long while.

Norman Taurog directs this tremendously expensive Sam Goldwyn production with his usual skill. Mention should be made of "Parkyakarkus," who owes his screen success to Eddie. He used to be a reporter, but owing to his mastery of the Greek "dialect" he has made a name for himself in Radio and, through meeting Eddie, a chance to find similar success on the screen. By the by his real name is Harry Einstein. This super entertainment will run at the King's from to-day to Tuesday next and, like all Cantor's previous pictures, should pack the theatre with an appreciative crowd. (King's).

### "Rendezvous"

This is the first picture which gave Rosalind Russell her big chance and, sharing honours with the one and only William Powell in an exciting drama, she has cause to be thankful to M.G.M. for the excellent "break." Some of us think she patterns herself too much on that truly delightful artist Myrna Loy, and I am sure Miss Russell is clever and lovely enough to stand on her own merits without copying another.

The "Rendezvous" referred to in the film is a spot in the Atlantic (this is a war-time spy drama, remember), where American troops are met by British destroyers for protection against German "U-Boats."

William Powell is a code expert at Washington and most of the picture concerns his efforts to locate spies who are intercepting messages. The attractive Rosalind is the scatter-brained daughter of the Assistant-Secretary of War, who follows the hero about till he marries her.

William K. Howard, the director, treats this spy formula with a light touch, and brings out the best in the whole excellent cast. Binnie Barnes, Lionel Atwill, Cesar Romero, Samuel Hinds, Frank Reicher, Henry Stephenson and Charley Grapewin are special-ty outstanding. You can't beat William Powell in breezy, polished and wise-cracking comedy-drama roles, and with Miss Russell he makes more of his own. The dialogue is bright and snappy, and the action keeps moving briskly, alternating between the dramatic and the comic. There is an exciting climax, which brings an ingenious and thoroughly enjoyable picture to a close. Not to be missed. (Alhambra).

Eleanor Powell, after an enforced rest owing to over-work, will appear in the M.G.M. release, "Yours and Mine," with Robert Montgomery, Una Merkel and Buddy Ebsen.

Ralph Bellamy has recently signed a new five-year contract with Columbia.

John Lodge, remembered in "The Scarlet Empress" and "The Little Colonel," is now making pictures in England.—DIANE

### By Diane

#### "Song And Dance Man"

We have to go back quite a few years to recall this highly popular "movie" with one-time idol Tom Moore and Beesie Love in the leading roles. Now we have Paul Kelly and Claire Trevor. All the old-time fascination of this story is here still in the up-to-the-minute talkie version and the two leading artists give splendid accounts of themselves.

This is the first time we have had Claire Trevor in songs and dances and she surprises and delights, especially in a new dance the "Tarumba" with partner Clayton Kirby. Ruth Donnelly makes a sympathetic landlady with Michael Whalen satisfactory as the wealthy man interested in the career of the actress. Do not like to spoil your interest in this backstage story, but it is certainly worth seeing. (King's).

#### "Remember Last Night"

A specially fine cast puts over this murder mystery in first-rate style, with wisecracks from beginning to end. When you know that among the well-known names in this Universal film you will find Constance Cummings, Sally Eilers, Robert Young, Edward Arnold, Arthur Treacher (who, as the butler,



Edward Arnold is in the Universal production, "Remember Last Night," which will be shown at the Alhambra Theatre to-day and to-morrow.

steals every scene in which he appears) Robert Armstrong, Reginald Denny, Monroe Owsley, George Meeker, Louise Henry, Jack La Rue, Ed Brophy, Gregory Ratoff and many more, you can guess that no expense has been spared.

If you can disregard the exaggerated drinking scenes, which lead up to the murder mystery, and the entrance of the detective—played expertly by Edward Arnold—you will find that this sumptuously-produced picture, with direction by James Whale, is attraction enough for the cast and the beautiful original modernistic settings. (Alhambra).

#### "Collegiate"

Cinema fans, who lovingly recall Wallace Reid will know that this modern Paramount version is Alice Duer Miller's "Charm School," which was one of the big hits of the "silents."

Jack Oakie, as the New York playboy, inherits an old-fashioned boarding-school and, with his pals Lynne Overman, Joe Penner and Ned Sparks, decides to pep it up. Till it is worth a fortune. Frances Langford, the Secretary of the School, wears glasses with the hope that she will be thought plain, but visits a beauty parlour and blossoms forth to fascinate the owner, Mr. Oakie.

There is much wisecracking, plenty of dancing, crowds of pretty girls in every kind of dance routine, four amusing comedians, and delightful performances from Miss Langford, Betty Grable and Jane Cooper, among many others. First-rate entertainment of its type. (Queen's).

WITH remarkable success, "Hands Across the Table" (directed so skilfully by Mitchell Leisen) gives a true insight into metropolitan life, with the viewpoint, conversation and code of a girl who works as a manicurist and depends on her looks and brain to give her the good break she wants. It is from an original story, "Bracelets," by Vina Delmar, and Paramount have produced this bright, lively and entertaining comedy in their usual first-class fashion.

Carole Lombard, as the girl, is exceptionally good, and her acting deserves the stellar billing she now enjoys. She has never looked lovelier either, although—for once—she has no chance to don gorgeous gowns.

The story tells how she captures a (supposedly) millionaire playboy, but to her consternation she finds he is intent on doing the same thing as herself—to marry money. They make a bargain that love will not enter into their friendship, and that each will keep to it. Ralph Bellamy, an invalid injured in a plane smash, offers Carole everything she desires, but only after a series of misunderstandings does she realise that "Love in a Cottage" with her Fred is all she needs in this world.

Once more Miss Lombard proves her flair for comedy and assuredly tops a whole list of good performances with this one. Fred MacMurray and Ralph Bellamy are excellent in their respective roles, while Astrid Allwyn and Ruth Donnelly could not be better. I must not forget the cat who does his "bit" so well, and Marie Prevost, who stages a grand comeback as the plumpish friend of the heroine. This is a comedy that guarantees an enjoyable evening. (Queen's).

#### "I Live For Love"

A new kind of love story, co-starring exotic Dolores del Rio, with Everett Marshall (Metropolitan Opera star), while Guy Kibbee, Allen Jenkins, Berton Churchill, Hobart Cavanaugh, Don Alvarado, and the vaudeville turn of Shaw and Lee help considerably in the enjoyment. Busby Berkeley, famous dance director, has the whole thing in his charge and in this romantic comedy-with-music adds to his reputation.

The plot carries us behind the scenes of a broadcasting station and an Opera House. Miss del Rio is a temperamental diva who thinks she is in love with a fellow-countryman (Don Alvarado) till she meets a famous Radio star, played by Everett Marshall. It is then her troubles start, but ultimately we find the spoilt darling considerably tamed and no doubt happy. There are some very catchy original numbers rendered by Mr. Marshall, and he proves himself at home on the screen as he was at the Metropolitan and Broadway Musicals.

#### "Grand Exit"

Edmund Lowe and Anne Southern will be remembered for their delightful vehicle "Let's Fall in Love." Now Columbia bring them together again in a film filled with thrills. With the aid of Onslow Stevens they head a capable cast in a story that exposes for the first time on the screen the methods employed by death-dealing fire-setters.

Hero Edmund Lowe is a Fire Insurance investigator who finds romance as he solves a series of baffling blazes. He is a new kind of screen detective whose methods are both exciting and enlightening, but he still finds time to be amusing and debonair, and his characterisation in this film ranks as one of his most effective.

Blonde lovely Anne Southern once more establishes herself as one of the foremost film favourites. In addition to Onslow Stevens, who is seen as Lowe's assistant and as his rival for the affections of Miss Southern, we have Mildred Morris, Wylene Birch, Robert Middlemass, Selmer Jackson and Iris Adrian. Besides unfolding a unique type of detective story, (Continued on Page 12)

TO-DAY AT THE KING'S

TWO MILLION DOLLARS  
WORTH OF FUN AND BEAUTY!

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THE PRIZE WINNING SHORT OF THE YEAR.

Phil Regan and Winifred Shaw are in the Warner Bros. production, "Broadway Hostess," which is coming to the Queen's Theatre soon.



Edward Arnold and Constance Cummings are in the Universal production, "Remember Last Night," which will be shown at the Alhambra Theatre to-day and to-morrow.



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## "Caught In New Whirlpool"

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In political circles the general objections to the German proposals are summed up as follows:

(1) It is not clear whether the new Locarno, proposed by Germany, is reconcilable with the mutual assistance pacts.

(2) The limitation of air armaments seems to have been eliminated from the suggested air pact.

(3) Germany is willing to return to the League of Nations, but only under the condition that its treaty infringements shall be ignored.

### FRENCH PRESS COMMENT

The distinctive character of the comments appearing in each of the leading French newspapers proves conclusively that very exhaustive consideration is being given the German peace proposals by every section of the French public opinion, and is due to the caution being taken against over-hasty conclusions.

The Paris *Midi* emphasises in yesterday's leader that a purely negative attitude at this juncture would less than ever be sufficient to save the future.

The paper writes: "Herr Hitler has broken with the traditional methods of diplomacy. He repudiates the kid-glove methods of the Chancelleries and rejects even improvised conferences that do more than have their value. The Fuehrer appeals directly to the peoples themselves. He cites them as witnesses to his policy and his intentions, and invites them to plebiscites. The most effective part of the proposals is probably that about humanising war conditions, for such catch phrases always find an echo in the hearts of the masses, above all in Anglo-Saxon countries."

### DIFFERENT ATTITUDE

The paper then declares that the attitude that will be taken up by France towards the German proposals will certainly be different from that of England.

"Herr Hitler's memorandum is an affront to the Quai d'Orsay, because it is not in the proper juristic form and the contents are unsatisfactory, because the step of March 7 is not annulled."

"London, on the other hand, will not reply with a categorical 'no,' but will negotiate and will alter, but not reject. In the meanwhile the ideas put forward by Herr Hitler will have their effect on the whole world. Aged Europe is once more caught in a whirlpool. Austria is rearming, Hungary and Bulgaria are eager to do so, Turkey has already reopened the question of the Dardanelles, Italy proclaims its latest victory as a joint defeat of England and the League of Nations. Europe appears to be entering upon an epoch heavily infested with the germs of revolution."

The *Intransigent* still speaks of a "German menace," and comes to the conclusion that the circle of those taking part in the discussions must be widened, because the German threat affects many more than the Locarno Powers.

### BELGIAN COMMENT

Brussels: The German Memorandum is published in full in all the Belgian papers, the headings mostly drawing attention to the conciliatory character of the proposals and to Germany's insistence on complete and immediate recognition of equality of rights.

Up to the present, only a few papers have made editorial comments on the German peace plan. The *Vingtieme Siecle* stresses that Herr Hitler has not departed one inch from the policy of March 7. The paper describes the proposal to hold a referendum in France and Belgium as "illusory," since everybody knows that the political system of Western Europe does not admit referendums being carried out in the manner organised in Germany.

The paper adds that Belgium will examine the German proposals with an open mind, since they constitute a new comprehensive system of security for Western Europe. Belgium wishes Germany to be treated fairly, but at the same time it must not be forgotten that special bonds unite Belgium and certain other countries.

### EXCEPTION TO POINT 15

The *Etoile Belge* takes exception to point 15 in the German proposals, that in the press, and other publications anything calculated to injure the relationship between France and Belgium and Germany be eliminated, the paper considering this suggestion as an

infringement of the liberty of the press.

The uncompromisingly negative attitude taken by the right-wing *Nation Belge* is evidenced by a protest against Germany being granted equal rights—Trans-Ocean Service.

### French Press Views

#### GOVERNMENT NOT EXPECTED TO ACT IN HURRY

Paris: The French Foreign Office declines to make any comments on Hitler's proposals since, as the Press points out, a document of such importance requires careful examination, which the officials at the Quai d'Orsay began to do on Wednesday night.

Political circles here believe that the Government may define its attitude to-day, after M. Flandin has conferred on the subject with his colleagues in the Cabinet.

Several papers, however, show less reserve than is being exercised in official quarters. The *Petit Journal* thinks that the proposals enumerated in the second part of the German Memorandum will probably make a considerable impression on certain circles in London and Brussels but the French Government will not act in a hurry.

#### URGE FOR DEFENSIVE MEASURE

*Le Matin* declares that the German Chancellor merely puts forward in a new form, the proposals conceived in the same spirit as his former ones, while the *Echo de Paris* demands that M. Flandin should inform the British Government that since the Locarno Powers' proposals of March 11 have already been rejected by Germany, it was now the duty of the French, British and Belgian General Staffs to come together without delay in order to take defensive measures which, says the paper, can no longer be postponed.

On the other hand, the *Oeuvre*, although finding the German plan inadequate, advocates the negotiations if only to enable a disarmament conference, as suggested by Herr Hitler, to be held.

### Berlin Press Opinion

#### GERMANY'S DESIRE FOR PEACE FOREMOST

Berlin: The German Press is entirely preoccupied with the German Peace Plans which, as the National-Socialist central organ, *Voelkischer Beobachter*, points out, is based on the German nation's overwhelming profession of faith in Hitler, as proclaimed in the elections on March 29, and which, therefore, must be regarded as a "clear-cut programme of a clear-cut purpose."

The existing difficulties, so the paper continues, can and must be removed, and this can only be accomplished by joint efforts. The German plan is merely a sincere desire on all sides for the rapid realisation of peace. The broad-mindedness of its conception, as well as the seriousness of its determination to attain true peace leads one to hope that Europe is on the threshold of a new era in its history.

The *Berliner Lokal-Anzeiger* declares that even the most suspicious critic must admit that "the German Peace Plan constitutes a generous attempt because it is not



Jack Oakie, Frances Langford and Joe Penner are in "College," now being shown at the Queen's Theatre.

### "I SERVE"

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confinement to arguments and demands, but is directed to a goal which is, or should be, common to all the nations. Such a peace plan can only be rejected by those who do not want peace."

#### DEMOCRATIC FRANCE

Referring to the statement that Germany and France both undertake to have the eventual agreement ratified by a plebiscite, the *Boersche Zeitung* writes that "France takes pride in being a country of the purest democracy. We are curious to know whether the French Government will put her democratic principles to the test suggested by the German plan in the interests of both nations."

The *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* stresses that although the German programme, in the ordinary course of procedure, was addressed to the British Government, it was now up to France to come to a decision as to whether, in the words of Mr. Anthony Eden, she is ready to approach with an open mind, the problems which still separate her from Germany. The paper points out that Mr. Eden added significantly that otherwise even Britain could not ensure peace.

### Flandin Convenes Conference

#### IMPORTANT MEETING TO-DAY

Paris: The *Oeuvre's* foreign political editor claims authority for stating that a conference of the most important French Ambassadors in Europe has been convened by M. Flandin for to-day, in Paris, in order to discuss the German proposals and their diplomatic repercussions.—Trans-Ocean Service.

### EDEN STATEMENT TO-DAY

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SECURITY GUARANTEE  
London, Later: Mr. Eden received the French and Belgian Ambassadors at the Foreign Office last evening and handed them a letter guaranteeing the French and Belgian security against aggression if conciliation fails, and also a letter which it is understood, referred to the political limits to which the scope of the Staff talks must be confined.

It is pointed out that the reciprocal obligations provided for in the first letter can only operate after the three Governments have decided that conciliation has failed.—Reuter.

## LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Four cases of cerebro-spinal fever and one of enteric fever were reported to the Health authorities in the 24 hours ended last Wednesday.

A practice parade was held inside the Racecourse, Happy Valley, yesterday morning by the naval and military forces. It is understood the parade was in connection with the Review which will be held in the near future.

The Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hong Kong, with Mrs. Hall and baby son, left the Colony yesterday afternoon by the m.v. Canton for England on leave.

The Cunard-White Star liner *Franconia*, third and last of the round-the-world "cruise liners," to call here this season, is due to-morrow morning from Manila. She will remain until Monday afternoon, proceeding on to Shanghai on her way to New York.

During the absence of Bishop R. O. Hall on leave the Rev. E. W. L. Martin, of St. Stephen's Boys' College, Stanley, will act as his Commissioner, but all correspondence should be addressed to Bishop's House.

The ss. *Kidderpore* is expected here from Moji next Tuesday afternoon.

It is notified that the final lecture in First Aid will be delivered by Dr. D. J. Valentine, D.D.M.S.S., at the St. John Ambulance Headquarters this evening at 8.30.

On their first visit to the Far East, the famous German Variety Show, comprising G. Halter, trick and comedy cyclist, Lydia Halter, and Little Mary, "the girl without bones," will commence a short season at the Central Theatre to-morrow, when they will occupy the stage in conjunction with the screening of the Universal film, "Dangerous Waters."

## INQUEST ON PRISONER

### Grave Charge May Develop

#### HEARING POSTPONED

An enquiry into the circumstances of the death of Tsui Tong, a prisoner, who died at the Government Civil Hospital at 12.45 p.m. yesterday, was held at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. S. F. Balfour sat as Coroner and was assisted by the following jurors: Messrs. H. A. Pearson (foreman), E. G. Dale and Kong Ko-woon.

Dr. I. Newton, Government Medical Officer, said that at 12.20 p.m. on February 18th, the prisoner, Tsui Tong, was admitted to hospital from the Lai Chi-kok prison. He had a cut on the right knee, just below the knee cap, about 4 to 5 inches long. On February 20 an operation was performed by witness, closing the rent on the knee joint. On March 5 another operation had to be performed and the knee joint was washed and the wound drained. A further incision was made by Dr. Thomas.

The general condition of the deceased grew worse and he died yesterday at 12.45 p.m. This morning a post mortem was performed and it was found that the joint was still full of pus, but there was no other evidence of disease. The cause of death was suppurative arthritis of the knee joint. The body was identified by Chief Warder Fritz Gerald in his presence and that of Sub-Inspector Douvan.

#### Result Of Assail

The next witness was Chief Warder Fritz Gerald of Lai Chi-kok Prison, who stated that the deceased prisoner was serving a term of nine months' imprisonment and that he was transferred from the Victoria Gaol to Lai Chi-kok on December 12. At 10.30 a.m. on February 18 he was admitted to the prison hospital suffering from a wound in the right leg. It had been reported to him that the deceased had been assaulted by another prisoner. The prisoner was attended by a dresser and Dr. C. H. Henry, Medical Officer of Kowloon Hospital, was called and also attended him. Dr. Henry recommended his immediate transfer to the Government Civil Hospital.

Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P. said that the case might develop into a serious charge and would require investigation. He asked for an adjournment, and the date of the next hearing was fixed for Friday, April 17, at 2.30 p.m.

## FARM WORKER SENTENCED

### Prison For Cruelty To Pigs

For cruelly ill-treating 18 pigs by omitting to supply them with proper care and treatment, James Henry Lonsdale, aged 32, farm labourer, of Down Barns, Northolt, Middlesex, was sentenced at Ealing last month to three months' hard labour.

Mr. Walter Davies, the chairman, described the case as one of the grossest cruelty and as one of the worst that had been before the court.

P.C. Heathcote said that at Medlar Farm, Northolt, he saw 13 four-months' old pigs dead. Five others that were alive were emaciated.

A veterinary surgeon said that one of the dead pigs had a wound behind the ear as though the others had been gnawing it. Lonsdale explained to the bench that he had fed the pigs regularly until he was taken ill with lumbago.

### CITY OFFICE TRAGEDY

Samuel Tucker, aged about 38, head of the American department of the London and Lancashire Insurance Co., fell from an office window in Clifford's Inn, E.C.4, last month, and was killed. He leaves a widow and a daughter aged 11.

The police are seeking the owner of a radiator cap which is suspected of having been stolen from a Chrysler motor car. Applicants are requested to apply to the Yammat Police Station.

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## MILITARY FUNERAL

Sergt. C. A. Layzell  
Laid To Rest

## FULL HONOURS ACCORDED

The funeral of Sergeant C. A. Layzell, of the 20th Heavy Battery, R. A., which occurred at the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, on Wednesday, after a brief illness, took place yesterday at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, with full military honours. The deceased, who was 40 years of age, is survived by his widow, who is in the Colony, and a father in England.

The Rev. G. H. Bateman, Senior Chaplain to the Forces, conducted the service. The coffin, which was carried in a motor hearse, was draped with a Union Jack, with deceased's cap and belt on top. The band of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Ulster Rifles, was in attendance; there were also present a firing party from deceased's Battery who fired three volleys over the grave, as well as two buglers from the same unit who sounded "The Last Post" and "The Reveille."

The chief mourner was deceased's widow. Amongst the officers present were Major J. S. Drennan representing Lt.-Col. M. Carrington-Sykes, Commanding Officer of the Royal Artillery; Major R. Hill, Major F. L. F. Roupell, Capt. W. Rycroft, Lieut. D. Kayll, Lieut. I. C. Marvon and Lieut. Marsh. A large number of deceased's comrades were also present, including a representative party from the 24th Heavy Battery, R.A.

## Floral Tributes

A wreath from the widow was lowered into the grave together with the coffin, while other floral tributes sent included those from "Dad, Lily Ted and George," "Meg and Glyn," Lieut.-Col. M. Carrington-Sykes, Major and Mrs. F. L. F. Roupell, Major and Mrs. Gill, Capt. and Mrs. W. Rycroft, Lieut. and Mrs. D. Kayll;

B. S. M. and Mrs. Bland, Sergt. and Mrs. Coleman, Mr. M. A. Cairns, S/Sgt. and Mrs. Cheeterman, R.A.O.C., B.S.M. and Mrs. Grant, Mr. Green Sergt. and Mrs. Jarmain, Gunner and Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell and Ellen, Bdr. and Mrs. Short, Gunner and Mrs. Smallwood, Bdr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Tutchings, Mr. and Mrs. Tribble, Sergt. and Mrs. Vickers, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Warren and Boy, Master Gunner and Mrs. Whittett, Mr. T. W. Young;

C. R. A. and Officers, Headquarters, China Command; O. C. and Officers, 20th Heavy Battery, R.A.; All ranks, 20th Heavy Battery, R.A.; O. C. and Officers, 12th Heavy Battery, R.A.; Warrant Officers and Sergeants, 12th Heavy Battery, R.A.; Other ranks, 12th Heavy Battery, R.A.; O. C. and Officers, 24th Heavy Battery, R.A.; All ranks, 24th Heavy Battery, R.A.; Headquarters, 8th Heavy Brigade, R.A.; Officers and all ranks, 9th A. A. Battery, R.A.; Members, R.A. Sergeants Mess, Stonecutters; Members, R.A. Sergeants Mess, Kowloon; Members, R.A. Sergeants Mess, Lyemum; H. Q. R. A. Sergeants Mess; Junior N.C.O.s' Club, Stonecutters; Junior N.C.O.s' Club, Lyemum; All ranks, 2nd Battalion, East Lancashire Regt; Warrant Officers and Sergeants, 1st Battalion The Royal Ulster Rifles; Detachment, Royal Army Pay Corps; Staff of W/T Station, Stonecutters; No. 27 Coy, Royal Army Medical Corps; Dodwell and Co., Ltd., and others.

## UNIVERSITY'S LOSS

Mr. M. A. Cooper Dies  
In Hospital

The death occurred at the Victoria Hospital shortly after 7 p.m. on Wednesday, of Mr. M. A. Cooper, B. Com., Lecturer on Economics at Hong Kong University.

The late Mr. Cooper, who was only 31 years of age, first came to the Colony in 1930 when he was appointed a member of the staff of the University. He had been in indifferent health for some time following a nervous breakdown shortly after his return from leave a few months ago. Of a quiet disposition, and of sterling qualities, the late Mr. Cooper was extremely well-liked by those who knew him, and the fact that he was held in high esteem by the undergraduates and staff of the



Onslow Stevens, Anna Sothorn and Edmund Lowe are the principals in the Columbia production, "Grand Exit," which will soon be shown at the Alhambra Theatre.

EAST LANC. AGAIN ANNEX  
JUNIOR TITLE

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win. Kong Hing is the only forward in the Police team who will attempt to shoot, though Chau Wing-kan and Wong Tok-fook are also dangerous when on form.

The European Police will have Green back in the forward line against the Railway, but unless they improve in their shooting, it would cause no surprise if the Railway held them to a draw.

Manning and Salter are good in their defence, while Willis and Terret are two hard-working halves.

Owing to the probability of Joaillho and Sprinkle being needed for their senior team, the Saints have been hard pressed to field a representative team against the Medicals to-morrow, and are including a number of schoolboys in the team. The Medicals are uncertain of their team as several of their players have left by the Neuralia, among whom was Pym, their goal-scorer.

EUROPEAN POLICE LOSE  
FAST GAME

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On yesterday's display, it was difficult to believe that the Police are occupying a position so low in the League. The whole team played well, but the performances of Manning, in goal, and Morrison, at inside-right, were outstanding.

## A "Find"

Morrison is undoubtedly a "find." He combined well with Rose, on the right wing, while Green and Willerton also shone among the forwards.

The first half was evenly contested, there being no score. A misunderstanding between the Police backs allowed Crossley to defect the ball past Manning, and the same player scored soon after. Crossley netted his third goal to complete his "hat-trick" just before time.

EAST LANC. CHALLENGE  
ROYAL NAVY

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Omar, and Hamet are their most dangerous forwards.

## Recreio's Losses

Recreio should prove no match for the Engineers and more so since several of their players will be required by the senior team. On Sunday two postponed fixtures will be played, when the Fusiliers meet the Athletic at Soekunpoo, and Eastern clash with the combined R.A.O.C. and R.A.S.C. team, in both cases the military teams should win.

University was evidenced by his recent election as one of the Vice-Presidents of the Arts Association for the ensuing year. He was also a former President of the University Law and Commerce Society.

During his residence in the Colony, the late Mr. Cooper took an active interest in charitable and philanthropic work, and in particular he will be remembered for his untiring and devoted energies in the interests of the Society for the Protection of Children.

The funeral will take place to-day, passing the monument at 5.15 p.m., followed by the interment at the

UGLY SCENES AT  
SENIOR LEAGUE  
SOCCER MATCH

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High-kicking, elbowing and barging were frequent and Costa, the Saints' left-back, might have sustained a broken neck when he was tipped over after leaving the ground in an attempt to head away a high ball. The Saints, however, were equally to blame.

## Few Outstanding

There were very few outstanding players, the backs on both sides being up to standard, the Chinese covering their colleagues well, while Hussain and Costa used their heads to advantage. Elms was the pick of the losers' halves, while Tsui Ah-fai, at pivot, and Chen Hong-kong, at left-half, shone for the Chinese.

St. Joseph's were well served in attack by David Leonard, the interloper inside-right, whose goal was an excellent piece of work. Ward and Joaillho, the inside-forwards, worked very hard, and some pretty movements were witnessed between this trio. The wingers Hill and Castro lacked power in their centring, but were always well positioned for a pass. Sprinkle working well with Elms, who continually fed him with judicious ground passes.

The Athletic forwards were trickier than their opposite numbers, and had they shown the dash of the latter they might have secured a dozen goals. Yeung Kan-po and Tang Kwong-sum were the pick of the line.

## Omar's Bad Judgment

The Athletic opened the scoring through Yeung Kan-po, who broke through to send home a pile-driver. Fifteen minutes later a free kick from about 25 yards out, taken by Tsui Ah-fai, ended in the net. Omar rising too soon to the flight of the ball.

The second half opened with a goal by Leonard, who, in a goal-mouth tussle with Ho Chor-yin, sent the ball into the net from an oblique angle. Thereafter the Athletic held sway and a further goal came from Wong Wing-hong, who culminated a solo run of 70 yards with a well-placed drive.

Following the final whistle a large section of the crowd swarmed the field and made to attack the St. Joseph's players, but the timely arrival of Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, the South China A. A. Football representative, and Mr. Joseph Lee, of the Athletic, prevented a fracas which might have had serious consequences.

Athletic:—Wong Ching; Mak Shui-hon and Ho Chor-yin; Lai Kwok-chiu, Tsui Ah-fai and Chen Hong-kong; Tang Kwong-sum, Yeung Kan-po, Wong Wing-hong, Lo Wai-keun and Cheung Moon-wing.  
St. Joseph's:—A. K. Omar; A. J. Hussain and V. Costa; A. A. Rumburn, F. J. Ems and P. Castro; R. Hill, A. Ward, D. Leonard, J. Joaillho and W. Sprinkle.

## WIN PREDICTED FOR FUSILIERS

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As far as the Fusiliers are concerned, they will, in all probability, be best served by Row-forwards, fast as the latter may be. It is quite on the cards that the Fusiliers will win, but as the Saints are a team who are capable of playing very steady soccer, a draw will not come altogether as

BRITAIN'S DEFENCE  
PROPOSALS

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There are many others, raising the question of the utility of battleships, the ability of the Air Service to take over the military protection of colonies and dependencies, the actual replacement of the Army by the Air Force as an expeditionary force.

## Excessive Pretensions

One has an uneasy feeling that many of these pretensions, when exhaustively tested and studied, may be found to be excessive. But until this has been done they are conducive to endless friction and dispersion of effort. They are a total obstacle to any co-ordinated plan.

One could hardly expect the First Sea Lord or the Chief of the Imperial General Staff to be enthusiastic about a number of such claims, and the decision must therefore go in the first instance to the deputy-chairman, or perhaps finally to the Committee of Imperial Defence itself. But how can civilians, however talented, take decisions on such vital questions, when the only experts to whom they have access differ acutely?

The solution points irresistibly to what is commonly called a combined staff. That is, considerable enlargement of the existing secretariat.

One cannot contemplate this as an opposition body to the Chiefs of Staff. It is clearly impossible to set up a bureau of junior officers with power in fact to over-rule their own Chiefs of Staff.

## Expert Body Wanted

What is wanted is an expert body accustomed, like the graduates of the Imperial Defence College, to think in three elements, who would thresh out in detail, arranging for experiments if necessary, many of these more pressing problems.

Such provisional solutions could be presented to the Chiefs of Staff Committee and to the Committee of Imperial Defence. But the Chiefs of Staff would be the responsible advisers and must necessarily have the last word.

BIG PROGRAMME FOR  
TO-MORROW

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## Excellent Cabaret

As necessary arrangements have to be made, it is regretted that last-minute applications cannot be entertained. An excellent Cabaret is being produced at the Dance which follows the Dinner, and the reservations show that there will be a record attendance.

The teams are:—  
Soccer players v Rugby players (To be played with Rugby ball and soccer goal posts, half an hour each way).  
Soccer XIV—G. Rodger; E. C. Drown, F. Fowler, E. L. Strange; G. I. Shaw, B. Greenberg, G. Milne and G. Millington; E. Himsworth, A. McKellar, L. E. Lammert, G. Elliott, A. Wilson and J. K. Sloan.

Rugby XV—A. F. Walkden; J. S. Dunnett, D. Hynes and S. C. Chambers; K. A. Munro, S. H. Garrod, L. G. Robertson and B. Hynes; W. F. Peers, H. F. Hopkins, J. Hutchinson, P. C. Frost and H. D. Bidwell.  
Soccer Old Crocks v. Rest (Ten minutes each way).  
Old Crocks—W. Fogwill; H. G. Wallington and C. W. E. Bishop; A. H. McBride, A. Macfarlane, S. O. Hill, W. L. Alexander, B. Bell, L. Goldman, T. S. D. Begg and J. Rodger.

The Rest—G. Payne; F. S. Nichols and N. Sykes; P. Stevens, K. Forrow and A. N. Other; J. Leppard, A. L. Fisher, T. A. Pearce, B. L. Bickford and E. Fowler.  
Referee: Mr. J. Skinner.  
Rugby Old Crocks v. The Rest (Ten minutes each way).  
Old Crocks—Dr. J. H. McElroy, A. Commerford, D. S. Robb, P. H. Griffiths and D. McLellan; A. C. I. Bowker and Dr. J. A. R. Selby; W. F. Leckie, K. S. Robertson, W. R. N. Andrews, J. Middleton-Smith, M. G. O'Connor, C. Austin, G. P. Rees and B. Miller.

The Rest—D. G. Barlow, P. J. McGugan, E. B. Gammell, M. W. Scott, M. S. Cumming, and A. V. Walkden; W. E. Peers, H. D. Bidwell, E. R. McGilchrist, J. L. Bonnar, H. W. Hawke, W. Stoker, S. H. Garrod and L. G. Robertson.  
Referee: Mr. D. W. Macowen.

It should not be impossible to collect a body of officers who can think objectively and help the chairman and the Chiefs of Staff with advice. The great advantage is that the ever-changing problem of combined strategy would be kept under continuous review and looked at as a whole. It would, in fact, be little more than an enlarged Joint Planning Committee in permanent session.

## Abuses Might Threaten

There are, doubtless, objections to such a solution. It is possible that abuses might creep in. A powerful Minister might try to play off the Secretariat against the Chiefs of Staff and vice versa.

It might, in fact, be used as the Army Department was used by the Viceroy in the old days of the Curzon-Kitchener controversy, to supply him with the arguments to defeat the Commander-in-Chief.

Without good will no administrative machinery will work; where it exists difficulties can be overcome. The solution is not ideal, but it does safeguard the responsibilities of the Chiefs of Staff while providing for all concerned a body in constant session for the study of combined strategy which does not at present exist.

Apart from the somewhat vague suggestion of a strengthening of the Secretariat, there is one other clause in the duties of the deputy-chairman which may give opportunities for the provision of a real advisory body if it has not already been done. It runs:—

## Wide Terms

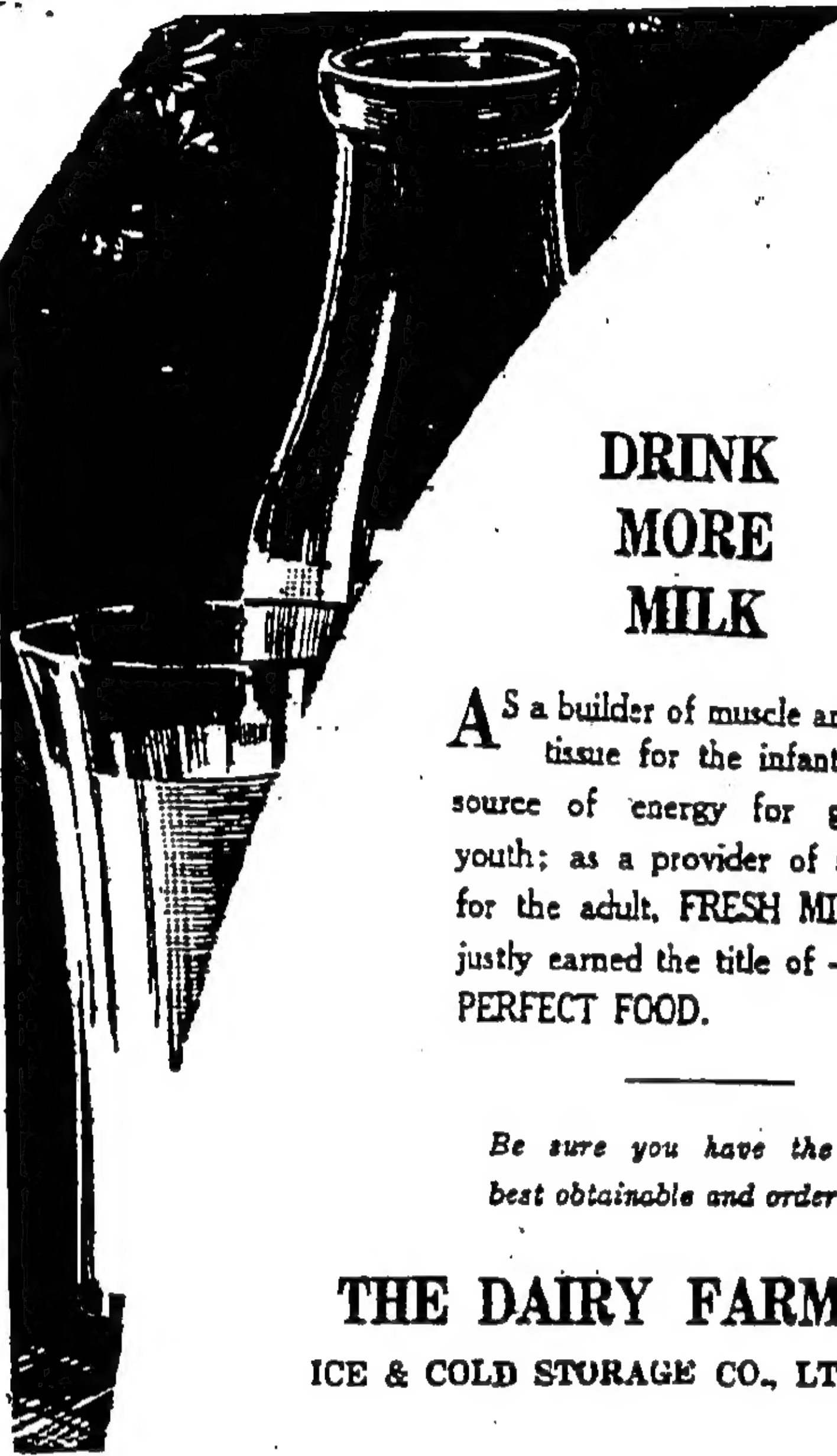
"It will be the duty of the deputy-chairman to make such recommendations as he thinks fit for improving the organisation of the Committee of Imperial Defence."

It will be possible within these wide terms for the new Minister to recommend such increases in the secretariat and the assumption of such new duties for it as from the results of his experience he may deem necessary.

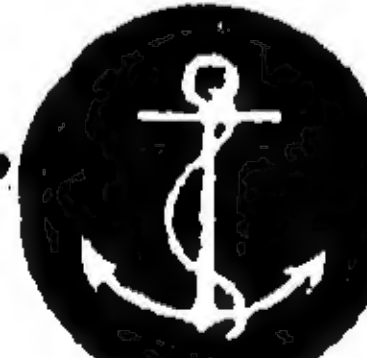
It is our instinct to move by evolution rather than by revolution. 1924 brought the Chiefs of Staff Committee, 1936 will vastly improve the organisation by building on what is already there. It may be that a further step will still be necessary as the fruits of experience are gathered.

We are embarking on very large new programmes of expenditure, as the international horizon darkens. Our object must be to work out a common strategy in order that our armed forces may be deployed

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## THE FAKED ALIBI

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"What do you mean?" demanded Forbes irritably.

"Just this. There is blood smeared thickly along some four inches of the cane, but there is not a particle on the undersides of the cane."

"If the cane had struck the blows, and only two were struck, the blood would be in two distinct patches or in one not more than an inch and a half or two inches at the outside. The force of the blows would have squashed the blood into every crevice of the cane, yet we find here that this is not so."

"Well, what about that?" demanded the puzzled inspector.

"Seems clear enough to me," broke in Tommy Burke. "The cane was rubbed on the dead man's head afterwards, that's why none of it got into the points; it was only smeared on the outside curve."

"Quite, Tommy," nodded Hawke. "And, what is more, there are no signs of anything but blood: some fragments of skin or hair should also be present."

"In addition the weapon which struck down Ezra Walker was a very heavy, short-handled, blunt-edged instrument; and it was used by a left-handed man, not above average height. The position of the wounds show that."

"And he had pink eyes and blue teeth!" said Forbes sarcastically.

"Perhaps he did," Hawke grinned.

"Now, I'd like to have a word with the prisoner, if I may."

They found Jim Hardy sitting on the hard bed looking the picture of misery, but when Hawke introduced himself he brightened up at once.

"The old mater said she'd get you, but I never thought you'd come, sir," he blurted out.

"Tell me your story as briefly as possible but don't leave out the smallest detail however unimportant it may seem to you," said Hawke.

Hardy leaned against the wall.

"Then, Mr. Hawke, it's like this. I'm the lift attendant at the Shaftesbury Avenue offices, and Walker & Goldman's office is on the top floor."

"I finish at 6.30, and the lift is locked up until I come on duty again at eight next morning. Tonight I took a gentleman up about 6.5, or perhaps 6.10, to the fourth floor, and went up to the top floor after I'd seen him out."

"When I got there the cleaner, Mr. Harris, asked me to nip down and get an evening paper. I went down in the lift and got it from the boy who wells them just outside the building. The cleaner had started on the offices at the other end of the corridor, so I went along and gave him the paper."

"As I came back and was passing Walker & Goldman's I heard a sort of thud, and then a cry of 'Help!' half-strangled, and not very loud. I immediately seized the handle, but the door was locked, and though I hammered on the door for a minute or two, I got no answer. I knew that Mr. Walker was still there, and I got the wind up about him."

"I rushed into the room. Harris was cleaning, and told him what I'd heard, but as he's a bit deaf, and the cry was so low, he had not heard a thing. We decided to 'phone for the police, and when they came, and went in through Mr. Goldman's office, which has a separate door from the main office, they found Mr. Walker dead."

Jim Hardy paused, and Hawke asked a question.

"Why did you not think of going in through the other door yourself?"

"Because 'it was locked, sir,' I tried it, as Harris can prove."

Hawke frowned.

"And yet the police found it open only a few minutes after," he remarked.

"Very strange," Hardy. "How do you account for it?"

"I can't, sir," he replied. "Same as I can't account for my hat being in the room, and my finger-prints being on the stick."

"Where do you keep your hat when you are on duty?"

"In the little cupboard at the end of the corridor, sir."

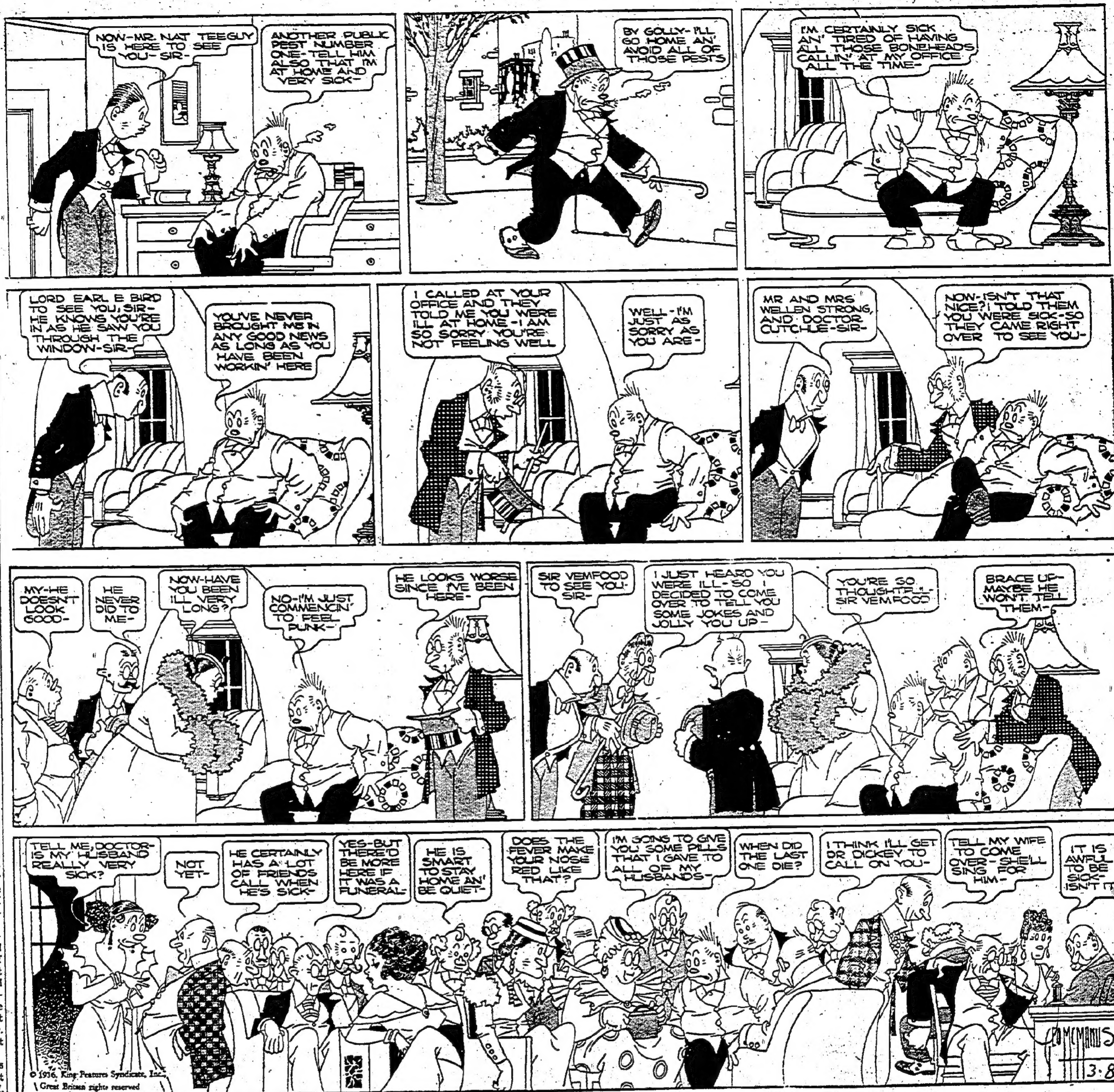
Hawke fingered his long chin as he stared thoughtfully at the ceiling.

"Who was this man you took up about five minutes past six?" he demanded presently. "Did you know him?"

"No, sir, never set eyes on him before. He was a thick-set gentleman, not so tall as me, with a heavy, black beard and dark glasses. He wanted the Premier Insurance Company and when I told him that they left at six sharp, he said they were expecting him, and would wait for him."

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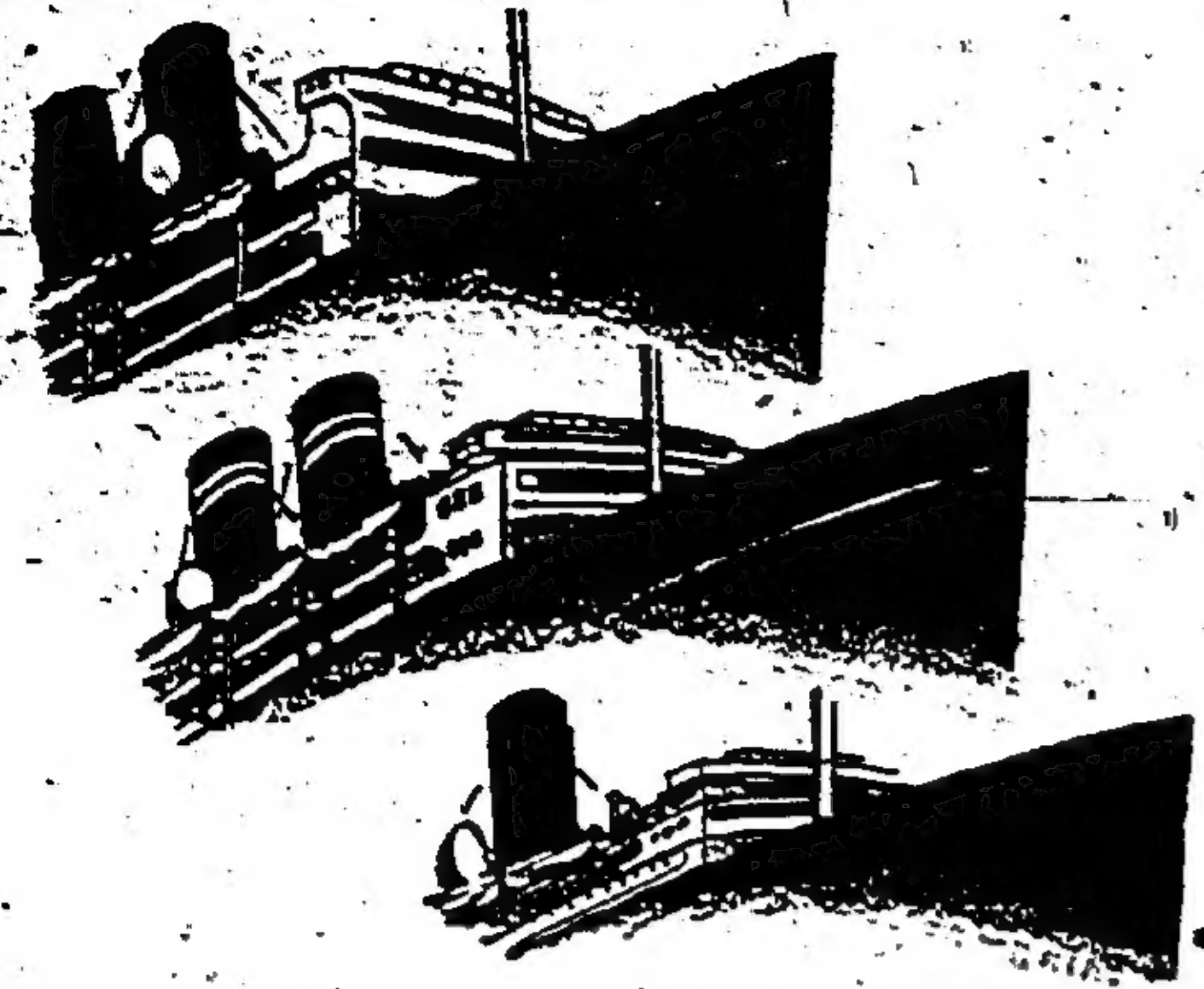


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# THE FAKED ALIBI

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"H'm! What sort of a stick was he carrying?" Dixon Hawke shot the question at Hardy like a pistol-crack, and the young man blinked as if he had been struck. But suddenly a light of understanding dawned in his eyes.

"By Jove, sir, I remember now! It was a cane, and, what's more, he dropped it on the lift floor, and I picked it up for him."

Inspector Forbes smiled. Tommy Burke gave a little whoop, and Dixon Hawke smiled.

The Half-Finished Letter  
"Well, that's about all, Hardy. Cheer up, lad," he said kindly. "Things are not so black as they seem."

"Do you really believe that yarn, Hawke?" asked Forbes, when they were back in the inspector's room. "Black beard and dark glasses, and picking up the stick, which last a little bit accounts for that young blackguard's prints being on it. Bah! Hawke, it's a chunk of fiction he's invented while cooling his heels in the cell."

"Truth is sometimes more difficult to believe than fiction," snapped the famous detective. "I admit it sounds fishy, but that remains to be proved."

"I'll prove it all right!" snapped Forbes. "You watch me!"

"I'm going to," replied Hawke. "In the meantime, I'd like to view the scene of the crime."

"You're wasting your time, Hawke," said Forbes, "but if you like doing it, I ain't going to stop you. Hang on a minute and I'll give you a permit."

With the police inspector's note in his pocket, Dixon Hawke set out for Shaftesbury Avenue, which was only a short distance away.

During the few minutes it took them to walk there, he remained absorbed in his thoughts, and Tommy refrained from asking any questions, as he knew that his chief would be angry if his meditations were interrupted.

The constable on duty admitted them to Walker's office, and watched with interest as Hawke commenced operations.

Hawke stood in the middle of the room and subjected the place to a swift survey, then he crossed over to the desk at which Ezra Walker had been sitting when he was struck down.

On a blotting pad in front of the armchair lay a half-finished letter, and Hawke leaned over and examined it.

"What do you make of that, Tommy?" he asked, indicating the sheet of paper.

Tommy came to his side and took a look.

"An ordinary business letter, half-finished, sir," he replied. "Walker must have looked up at this murderer, or else the last word would have been 'you'."

It's neatly written, like the others, so he could not have been writing when he was cooped."

Hawke nodded approvingly.

"Well reasoned out, Tommy!" he said. "And it proves that whoever did it was well known to Walker, and a frequent visitor to this room. If he had been a stranger, it is extremely unlikely that Walker would have sat here quietly writing while the other walked right up to him and struck him down. No, lad, we must look for the murderer in a person perfectly at home in this office."

Tommy frowned.

"That don't make it any the better for Jim Hardy," he remarked. "Walker would have known him well enough."

The Cake Of Mud  
Dixon Hawke did not reply, but turned away from the desk and glanced about the room. His eyes alighted on a big cupboard near the fireplace, and he crossed over.

Tommy watched him as he opened the door, and a moment later he saw his boss pick something out of the wood.

It was a short, black hair, which had become caught in a tiny splinter. Hawke gave a little exclamation of satisfaction as he placed the hair in an envelope and put it into his wallet. Then, bending down, he examined the floor.

The cupboard did not appear to have ever been used, and the dust was thick. Tommy noticed obvious footmarks, but so ploughed about as to be useless for identification purposes. Only one thing Hawke troubled about, and that was a small lump of mud which he found just inside the door.

This he carefully picked up and laid on a sheet of paper. Tommy saw that it was a cake of mud from the instep of a man's boot, and must have dropped off from boots either placed in the cupboard or from the feet of someone standing inside.

Hawke carefully prodded the mud until it fell apart, and then Tommy saw what his boss was after—a tiny piece of dried-up leaf. For several minutes the famous detective studied it under the lens, and then he turned to his young assistant.

"It's a piece of hop leaf, lad," he announced, "and the mud itself is from the light hop-country soil."

Tommy looked puzzled.

"What about it, gov'nor?" he asked.

"I don't see it helps any."

"The inside of the cake is still wet," replied Hawke quietly.

"I see what you mean, sir," exclaimed Tommy excitedly. "Someone stood in that cupboard only a few hours ago, and left the mud there, and which belongs to hop-country soil, and isn't found anywhere else."

Then it follows that whoever it was had been in the hop-country of Kent just before coming here."

"Quite right," smiled Hawke. "And that person was the murderer of Ezra Walker."

"Then it wasn't Jim Hardy," exclaimed Tommy.

Dixon Hawke shook his head.

"The man who did the deed was a left-handed man, as I told Forbes; Jim Hardy is right-handed."

Tommy burst forth relieved; he had taken a great fancy to the broad-shouldered Jim, and he hated to think that he may have been guilty of this ghastly crime. If he wasn't guilty, Dixon Hawke would soon prove it.

When he had finished his examination of the mud cake, Hawke strolled across to a door leading to another room, which the policeman informed him was Mr. Goldman's office.

"Bit of a shock for Goldman when he comes back," remarked Tommy, as they came into the partner's room. "Wonder where he is?"

"Forbes said he was down in the country on business," said Hawke. "He will first learn the news from the newspapers. I expect unless the police get in touch with him before he comes back."

The traces of mud which the keen eyes of the detective had spotted were so small that Tommy at first did not see them, but a brief examination convinced him that it was the same type of Kent hop soil as the original lump they had found in the cupboard.

Hawke did not bother to make any closer observation, but crossed to the door and looked out. From this place it was impossible to see either the lift or the main door of the Walker & Goldman offices, as the corridor took a right-angled bend.

"Well, that's pretty clear," murmured Hawke, half to himself.

"What is, sir?" asked Tommy, who had overheard the remark.

"That the murderer let himself out of this door while Jim Hardy and the cleaner, Harris, were phoning the police, and escaped quietly down the back stairs into the courtyard at the rear."

"How did Hardy's cap get into the room, then?" asked Tommy.

"The murderer brought it with him, young 'un. What he did was to get off the lift on the floor below, slipped up the back stairs, took the cap from the cupboard in the corridor, and entered the offices through Goldman's door here."

"But," objected Tommy, "Ezra Walker would be suspicious of a client who came in through his partner's private door, and how do you account for the main door being locked from the inside? You gotta remember that Jim was hammering on it mighty soon after the first blow was struck."

The Black Hair  
Hawke smiled at his young assistant's puzzled expression.

"Probably Walker always kept that door locked when he had an extra valuable packet of diamonds on the premises for valuation. Or the murderer may have suggested that it would be better if the door was locked, in which case it only goes to prove that he was a great friend of Walker's."

"When Jim started to hammer and make a row he got the wind up, and dived into the cupboard. When they went off to 'phone he made his break and got away."

"Yes I see that, sir," said Tommy a bit doubtfully, "but I reckon Walker must have been pretty thick with his client to have been such an easy mark. Blokes who deal in diamonds ain't usually the sort what gets caught napping."

"How do you know it was a client?" snapped Hawke as he turned away.

Tommy Burke's eyes narrowed as he stared at the broad back of his chief.

Tommy knew who Hawke had marked down as the murderer, but he knew also that it was going to be a hard task for them to prove it.

What might satisfy them might not satisfy a Judge and jury, and the proof of what he was shown had to be glaringly clear.

They left the Shaftesbury Avenue offices about ten minutes later, and went back to Dover Street, where Hawke made straight for his laboratory. Taking the black hair he had found on the door from his wallet, he laid it on a specially-prepared slide and put it under an extremely powerful lens of the microscope.

Tommy heard him give a little exclamation of surprise, and then the famous detective turned to him with a broad grin on his face. "It's a goat's hair, Tommy," he announced. "Have a look."

When Tommy looked through the microscope at the strand of hair, he realized that Hawke had spoken nothing more nor less than the truth. The hair of a goat grows with a root of unique shape, and may be easily recognised in consequence. In addition, the hair is very broad at the root and tip, but narrow in the middle.

"What does it signify, sir?" asked Tommy.

"It rather proves that Hardy's tale of the man with the black beard and dark glasses was absolutely true, answered the detective. "But the beard was a false one, and made of dyed goat's hair, the best hair for the purpose, as it is so broad at the root and looks like real human hair that has been trimmed a lot."

"Next thing to do is to find out where it was bought, and as Clevering is so close to Shaftesbury Avenue, we'll try there first thing in the morning. Most of the theatrical people get their make-up gear from Jack Clevering."

Ten o'clock next morning saw Tommy Burke off to interview the manager of the theatrical store, and he touched back first time.

The manager remembered selling just such a beard as Tommy described to a gentleman a while or two before closing time on the previous evening.

He had an idea that he had seen this gentleman in the neighbourhood quite a lot. In fact, he believed that he was in business somewhere close by, but he did not know his name.

Every word the outfinder said fitted in with Hawke's theory, and in Tommy's mind made it a stone-walled certainty.

Dixon Hawke didn't say much when he told him the result of the interview, he never did; but Tommy knew by the gleam in his grey eyes that he was pleased.

"Good lad!" was all Hawke said. "Now we'll get along to Clare Street Station, and hear any further news Forbes may care to tell us."

Inspector Forbes grinned when he saw them.

"Found the bloke with the pink eyes and blue teeth yet, Hawke?" he asked.

Dixon Hawke smiled at the policeman's heavy humour.

"Have you found Goldman yet?" he asked.

Forbes nodded.

"Yes; he's been staying the night at Tombridge. Car broke down, so he hung on overnight. He phoned us a couple of hours ago. Saw the news of his partner's murder in the paper this morning, and is coming right here as soon as he arrives in town. Ah, this looks like the man coming in now."

Hawke turned to see a thick-set, Jewish-looking man pushing open the station door.

"I'm Goldman," announced the newcomer as soon as he was inside. Jovial Inspector, this is a terrible affair. Is it true that the lift-boy has been arrested?"

"Quite true, Mr. Goldman," replied Forbes.

Goldman took off his bowler hat and wiped his forehead.

Hawke suddenly bent down and whispered in Tommy's ear, and the youngster sidled quietly out of the station without anybody noticing him.

"So Hardy did it, eh?" went on Goldman. "Must have found out somehow that we were expecting a valuable packet of diamonds."

"I know all about the packet of diamonds," put in Forbes. "Maddock's phoned a description of each stone comprising the parcel as soon as they heard of the murder. They sent the stones to Walker to assess their value."

All this time Hawke had been standing by; now he asked a question.

"Did you ever possess a thick Malacca cane, Mr. Goldman?"

Goldman swung round on the detective, and for the fraction of a look of fear flashed into his eyes.

"A Malacca cane?" he said. "No, but my partner used to have one, which he kept in the office. Why?"

"Because a Malacca cane may easily look like the weapon which murdered your partner," replied Hawke. "A cane that bore the finger-prints of Hardy upon it."

"Faked!" gasped Goldman. "Finger-prints on it? Why, dash it, sir, if Hardy's prints were on the weapon, surely he must have committed the murder!"

"The man who committed the crime," said Hawke, slowly and impressively, "dropped the stick and got Hardy to pick it up. That's how the lad's finger-prints were on it."

"The man was a close friend of Ezra Walker; he hid in the cupboard, and left traces of mud which showed that he had very recently been in Kent, say near Tombridge, Mr. Goldman. That's in the hop country. The man was wearing a false beard, composed of hair identical with the one upon the shoulder of your coat, Mr. Goldman."

With that, Hawke's hand flashed out and plucked a black hair from Goldman's coat.

"Tommy Burke," coming in at the door, at that moment, screamed a warning.

"Look out, sir; he's pulling a gun!" But Dixon Hawke had seen the movement, and before the gun was half out of Goldman's pocket he was upon him. There came the crack of the pistol, but the bullet bit into the door by Hawke's feet, and then Forbes was upon the scene.

Goldman fought like a maniac, but strong as he was, the combined weight of Hawke, Forbes, and two constables bore him down, and while he was still on the floor Tommy Burke nipped in behind and seized his boot-heels.

With a hefty twist he wrenched at them and both came away in his hands.

A small packet wrapped in tissue-paper was inside each of the hollow heels.

Sobbing with fear and rage, Goldman was handcuffed, and held tightly by the constables while Forbes read the charge.

"And here's the spinner he did it with," chirped in Tommy as the inspector finished.

"Hawke took the tool, wrapped up in a piece of oily rag, and after a quick look at it, handed it to Forbes."

"Tommy is right," he said. "He wiped the blood from the spinner in this cloth, and you'll see there a hair which will be found to correspond with the dead man's hair."

"I sent Tommy out to search the tool-box of Goldman's car, and he was smart enough to find what was wanted."

"Look here, Hawke," said Forbes, when the prisoner had been taken away. "I owe you about as big an apology as a man can make. You've caught the right man; you've got back the diamonds which he parked those faked heels, and you've saved my bacon all the way around."

"But what gets me is how Goldman managed to take such a perfect alibi. He can prove without a shadow of a doubt that he was in Tombridge when the murder was committed. How did he do it?"

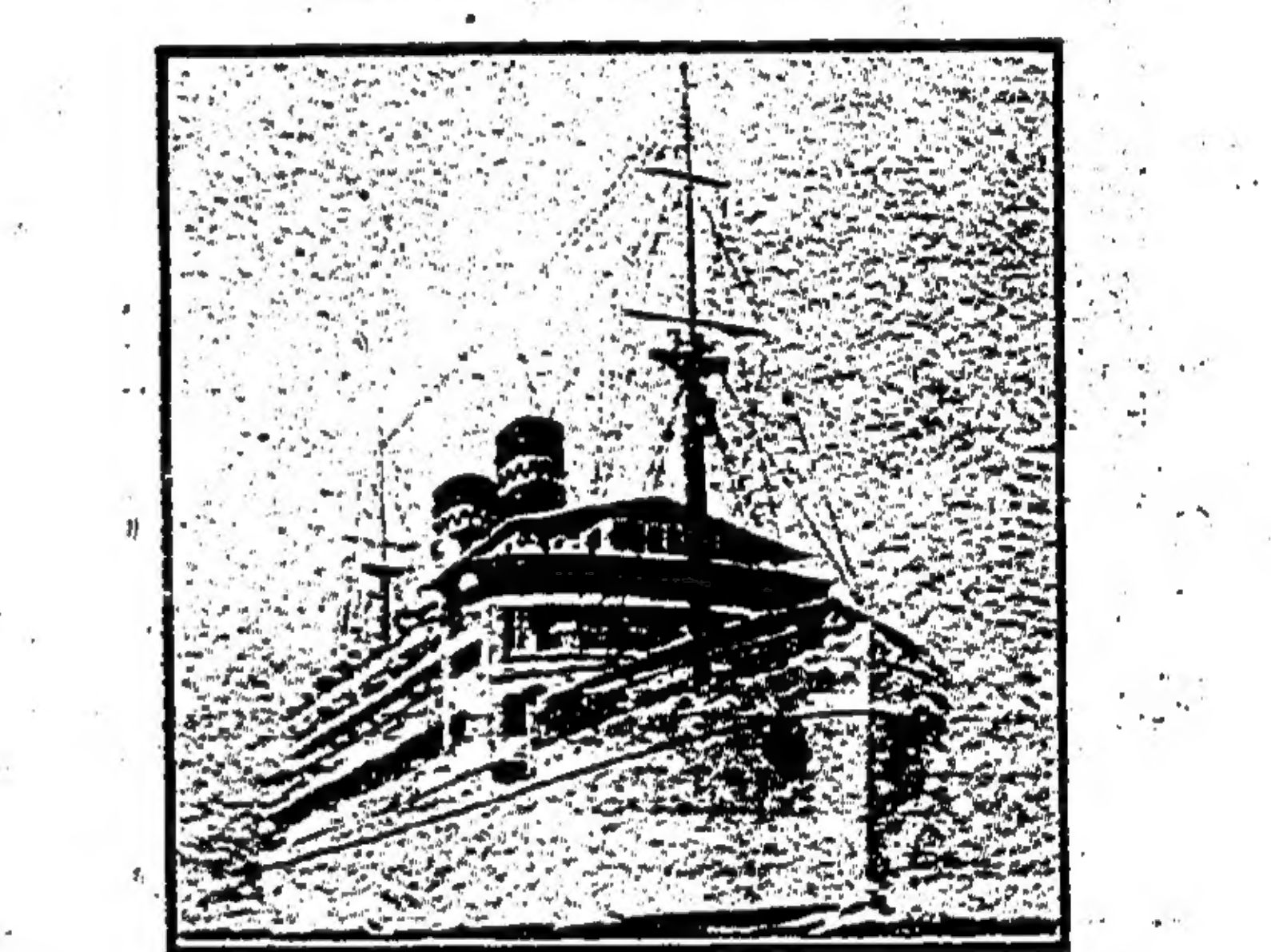
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"Like this," explained Hawke, with a smile. "He had a sham breakdown near Tombridge, put his car into a garage, booked up at a hotel, and then pretended that he was going back to the garage. Instead he walked into Tombridge, caught the train to London, bought the beard, and worked the finger-prints stunt on Hardy, who failed to recognize him in the disguise."

"After the murder he slipped away, and caught the 6.35 back to Tombridge, and turned up at the hotel in time for a late dinner, telling the hotel people that he had been at the garage all the time, or some other yarn."

"Ten minutes later, Jim Hardy, accompanied by Dixon Hawke and Tommy Burke, walked out of Clare Street a free man."





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With reference to the Commons incident the Prime Minister announced yesterday that he would present on Monday a motion on equal pay for men and women in the Civil Service—upon which question the Government were not prepared to depart from the present policy—and the Government would treat the division as a vote of confidence. — British Wireless Service.

## DEVILMENT LED TO DEATH

Inquest On Young Undergraduate

FOUND DEAD ON RAIL TRACK

A verdict of Death by Misadventure was returned at the inquest at North Mimms, Hertfordshire, last month on Harold Smalley, the 18-year-old Cambridge undergraduate who was found dead on the railway near Brookman's Park. It was suggested that "pure devilment" might have led him to climb out of the train while it was moving.

Smalley, whose home was at Crowborough, Sussex, was a second-year undergraduate at St. Catherine's College, and secretary of Cambridge University Gymnastic Club.

John Askell Smalley, a civil engineer, of Oakridge-avenue, Radlett Herts, said that his brother had no troubles.

"Stiff" Rock Climbs  
They had gone rock climbing together, and negotiated some very stiff climbs. It was consistent with his brother's high-spiritedness that he might have climbed out of the train while it was moving.

Lewis Whitcomb Harding, aged 21, of Jesus College, Cambridge, said that he had known Smalley since last May, and had seen him daily. On Thursday, February 20, they met at a Cambridge public-house. Smalley drank mild beer. "We left Cambridge together by the 3.30 p.m. train," said Harding. "We arrived at King's Cross at 4.45 p.m. and went together to a club in Victoria-street, S.W. I left Smalley for about an hour. We had just a few beers in the club."

Another Beer

They left the club at about 8 p.m., and had another beer at a restaurant. They caught the 3.55 p.m. train from King's Cross, and were the only two in a compartment.

The Coroner (Mr. T. Ottaway):—What was his condition when he got into the train, drunk or sober?—Sober.

Soon after the train left London, Smalley climbed out of the compartment. "He opened the door, and when I saw him he was just about as good as out," added Harding. "He shut the door behind him. He was away two or three minutes. When he came back I told him to be careful. I was alarmed until he came back to the compartment safely."

Harding said that he was away from the compartment for four or five minutes.

"When I returned," he stated, "Smalley was not there. Both doors were closed. I looked out of the window on one side and could not see him."

Playing A Joke

On arrival at Cambridge he waited at the station in the hope of seeing Smalley, then went home.

Mr. Ottaway:—Were you at all alarmed at Smalley's absence?—No, sir. I thought that he was playing a joke.

Mr. Ottaway said:—  
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## DREDGING OF PEARL RIVER TO BE BEGUN

Money To Be Sought From Nanking

FREQUENT STRANDING OF RIVER STEAMERS

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day. Dredging of the shallow reaches of the Pearl River will shortly be undertaken by the River Conservancy Board in view of the frequent stranding of river steamers from Macau and Hong Kong. The decision to deepen the fairway is made at the request of Mr. L. K. Little, Commissioner of Customs for Canton.

Owing to the lack of funds, only small-scale dredging is possible for the time being. The total cost of dredging the various necessary parts of the Pearl River is estimated at \$3,000,000.

The South-west Political Council has designated its member, Mr. Lo Yik-kwan, to go to Nanking to secure funds for deepening the river, which becomes shallow during the winter months. The dredging process will take three years.

Coastal steamers arrive at and leave Canton only at high tide. River steamers running on scheduled time cannot wait for the tide and frequently go aground. This is the first time that Canton officials have taken action to keep the channel open, although the silting-up of the river has been going on for the past six years.

## ROAD ACCIDENTS IN ENGLAND

Detailed Analyses Being Made

London, To-day.

As from Wednesday the Ministry of Transport are receiving detailed police reports on the circumstances and causes of every road accident involving personal injury, whether fatal or otherwise. The enumeration and analysis of the information thus obtained will, it is hoped, yield valuable results in the determination of the main factors of road safety.

Beginning next week, the weekly accident statistics compiled by the Ministry of Transport will be issued in amended form—British Wireless Service.

## ROYAL AIR FORCE UNIFORMS

London, To-day.—The Air Ministry announces impending changes in the service uniforms of officers and airmen of the Royal Air Force, the most important of which is the abolition of breeches and puttees in favour of trousers for all ranks. — British Wireless Service.

"If one is to take any inference from the evidence of his brother and Harding as to how he got out of the train, it does seem as if he did so for pure devilment, and in doing so a young man in the prime of life met his death."

## ARRESTS IN RIGA

German Citizens Released

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Riga, To-day.

Of the 35 Germans arrested in Riga during the last few weeks, as reported by Trans-Ocean, about 30 have been released, so that only five or six still remain in custody. The charge brought against them is the breach of police by-laws, it being alleged that they attended political meetings during the continuance of the state of siege, the penalty in such cases usually varying between a fine of 100 Lats or 14 days' imprisonment and a fine of 750 Lats or two months' imprisonment.

An appeal can be lodged with the Home Minister. There has as yet not appeared in any official statement, but is expected in the next few days, unless in the meanwhile the five or six Germans still in custody should also be released. — Trans-Ocean Service.

## TRIUMPH IN NEW YORK

Great Praise For British Actress

New York.—Wendy Hiller, the young Manchester actress, scored an instantaneous success in her Broadway debut in "Love on the Dole" last month.

Cheers of the first nighters were not quietened until Miss Hiller made a curtain speech. Her reception was likened by the critics to Elisabeth Bergner's debut here last year.

The New York Times praised her for playing the part with "pulsing beauty of high spirit." The New York Tribune critic wrote: "She knows almost as many stage tricks as Elisabeth Bergner or perhaps Helen Hayes, which I suspect is all of them."

## FATHER AND SON

Film Plans Of The Two Fairbanks

New York.—Douglas Fairbanks jun. left for England last month to make three pictures there.

Douglas Fairbanks sen., on the other hand, is returning to Hollywood shortly, and is afterwards going to China to direct a film there.

The two Fairbanks were staying in New York last month. They arrived by air from Hollywood.

## WEATHER REPORT

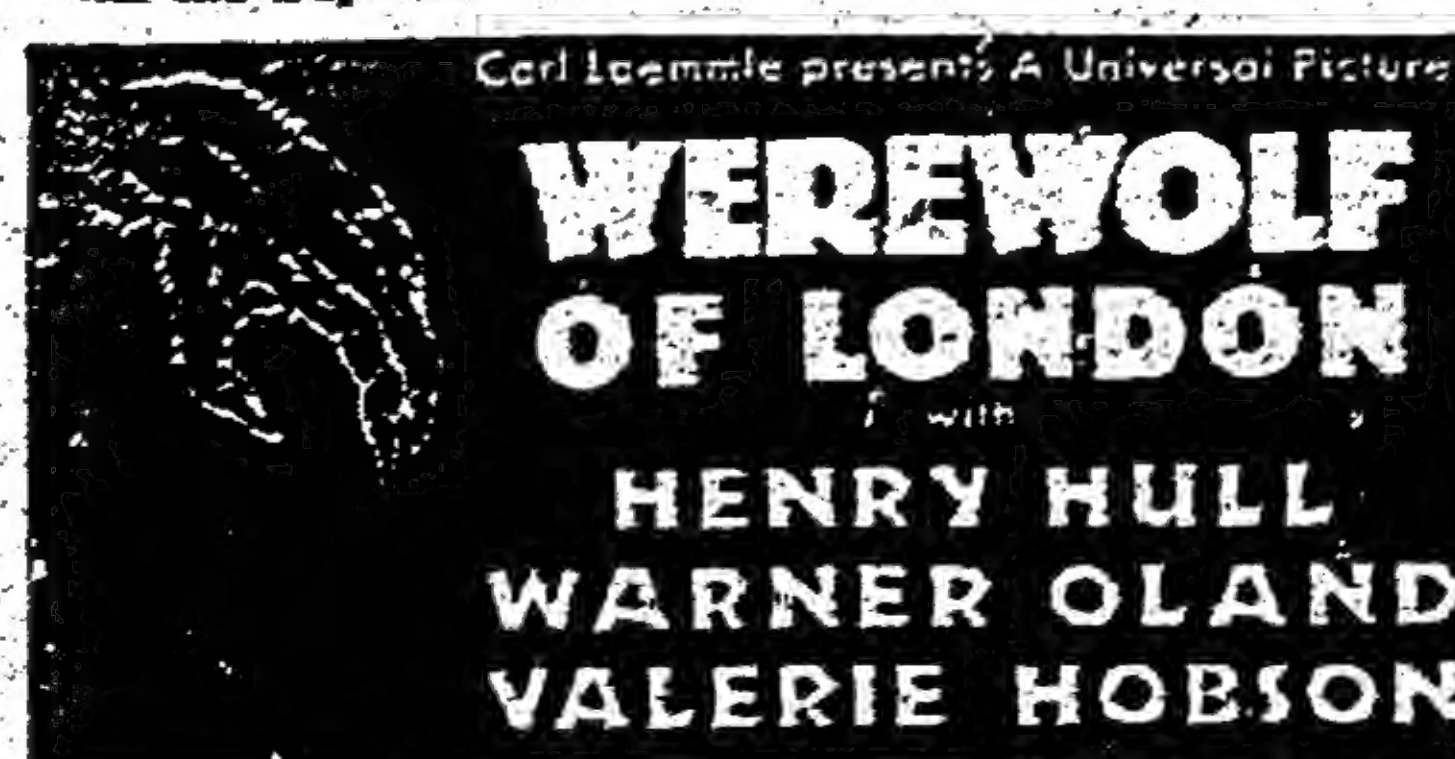
A weak anti-cyclone lies over China; the depression has become more intense and has moved north-eastward, covering Korea, South Japan and the neighbouring seas. The Pacific depression is still indicated to the east of the Visayas, but its position and movement are uncertain. North-east winds, moderate; fine to cloudy, was the forecast for to-day as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

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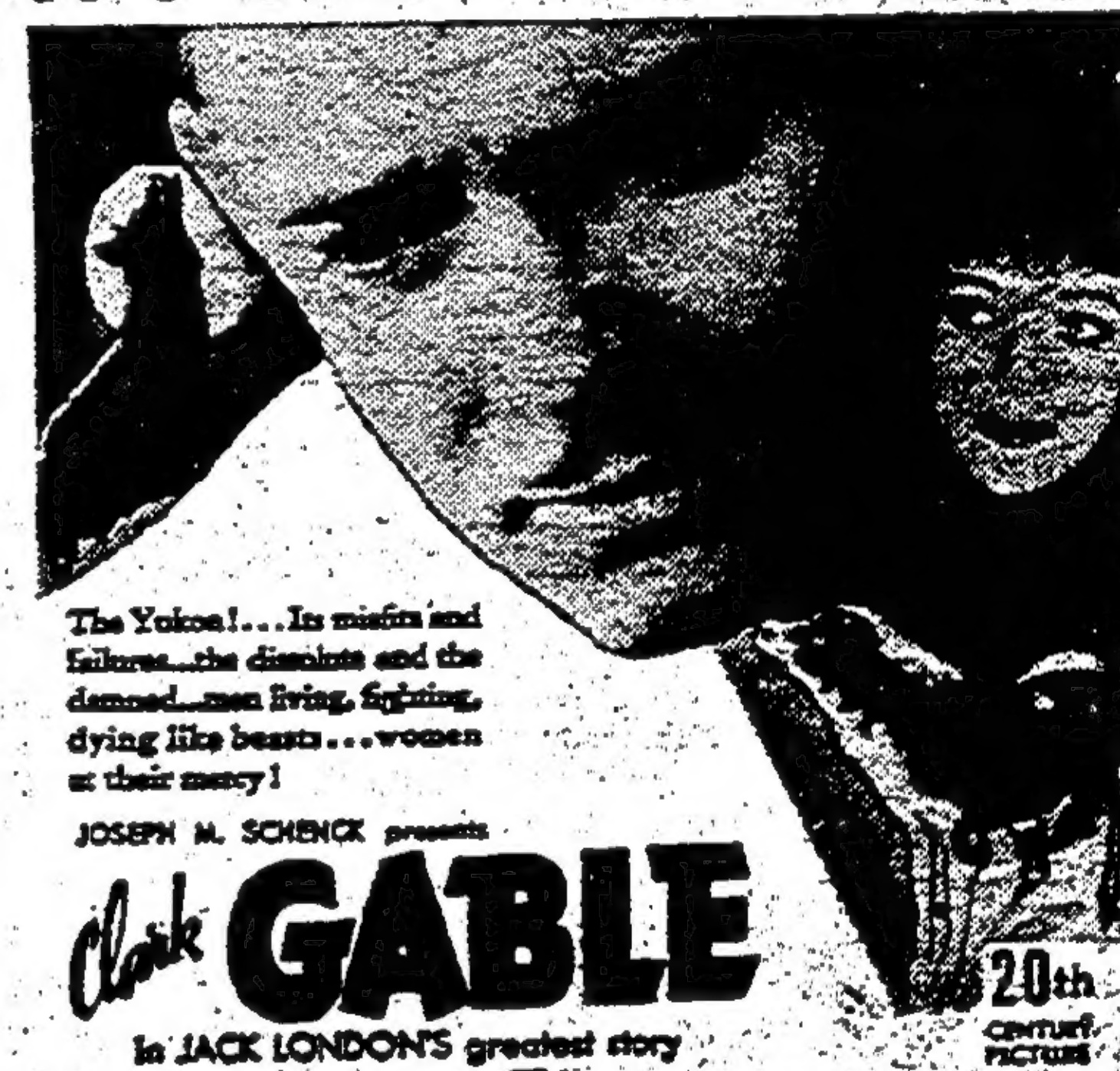


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